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During a Gala event at the Westin Aruba Resort & Casino

#### **Caribbean Speed Printing celebrates Persons of the Year 2008**



The management and staff Caribbean Speed Printing N.V. is pictured closing the Gala Celebration for the most outstanding Arubans of 2008 at the Westin Aruba Resort & Casino.

Photo by Ruben Trappenberg



PALM BEACH – Caribbean Speed Printing N.V., the mother company of Aruba Today and Bon Dia Aruba celebrated the honoring of exceptional Arubans of 2008 in the stunning ballroom of the Westin Aruba Resort and Casino this past Saturday night. Publisher Mr. John Chemaly Sr. and his lovely wife Glenda welcomed invited guests to the gala event.

The Guest Speaker was the Lt. Governor, Mr. Glenn Thode, who gave an inspiring address to the invited guests



VIP award winners. Caribbean Speed Printing N.V. Managing Director John Chemaly Jr. and General Manager Grace Mary Maduro awarded the individuals and group who received outstanding recognition from the management and staff of Aruba Today and Bon Dia Aruba.

Receiving the great distinction of "Shon Shoco" award which translates to the Wise





Owl was received by one of Aruba's greatest musicians Etty Toppenberg. The Man of the Year recognition was

given to Javier Wolter who unfortunately was not able to attend the event.

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Continued from Front Page The Woman of the Year recognition was given to Mrs. Audrey for her incredible dedication to the community and those less unfortunate. Kieran Celaire joined the winners' circle by receiving the recognition of Sportsman of the Year for his dedication and discipline in basketball. The Artist of the Year award was rewarded to Janiro Esiden who put Papiamento on the map in regards to hot rap music. Janiro's gentle and sincere lyrics presented in Rap music have made international headlines. Esiden asked audience to continue





to promote our language Papiamento and support new music artists who promote Papiamento. The Exemplary Award was given for the first time ever to a well deserved group from Bario Playa Pabao who introduced a new wave of support to neighborhoods in need, especially Madiki who are affected most by floods as a result of excessive raining.

A very special recognition was given to one of Aruba's most loved individuals Percy Irausquin who made headlines around the world in the Fashion industry. The beloved Percy passed away last year after a shocking accidental death. God Bless Percy and his family and his mark on the earth will never be forgotten.

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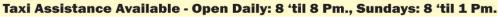








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## Sidney Ponson, Netherlands start World Baseball Classic with stunner



Netherlands celebrates shocking win over Dominican Republic Saturday.

#### BY Christian Red DAILY NEWS SPORTS WRITER

SAN JUAN - The World Baseball Classic has its first classic upset.

Helped by two errors in the first inning, the Netherlands shocked the Goliaths of the Dominican Republic, 3-2, Saturday at Hiram Bithorn Stadium. After righthander Leon Boyd closed out the game by striking out Jose Bautista looking, a wild celebration of orange and black uniforms formed a mosh pit near the pitcher's mound.

"It's a big moment for us," said Netherlands manager

Rod Delmonico. "It feels real good."

Added Netherlands starter Sidney Ponson: "I think everybody in here will tell you the same thing. It was a big thing today, especially for the Netherlands team."

Ponson, the former Yankee who is currently without a team, gave up two runs in fourplus innings. The Netherlands scored three unearned runs in the first, a big inning that held up in the Pool D opener. For the Dominicans, who lost Alex Rodriguez for the entire tournament due to injury but who still feature a lineup with plenty of power, the outcome

was numbing

"It is a defeat which I'd say is a surprise," said Dominican manager Felipe Alou. "I did not feel very comfortable with this game. We had two very bad innings and maybe a third one."

It unraveled quickly and early for the Dominicans. Starter Edinson Volquez gave up a squib base hit to Eugene Kingsale to lead off the game, followed by Sharlon Schoop reaching base on catcher Miguel Olivo's throwing error. Kingsale later scored on a wild pitch. After Volquez walked Yurendell DeCaster with two outs and two on, Sharnol Adriana scorched a grounder up the middle that shortstop Hanley Ramirez dove and stopped. But Ramirez's throw to first was off target, and two runs scored on the error.

Alou said he started Ramirez ahead of the Mets' Jose Reyes - who pinch-ran for Willy Aybar in the eighth - because he wants every player to get into a game during the tournament.

Alou fumed at Willy Taveras' decision to try to steal third with one out in the ninth, while Ramirez was at the plate. Taveras was nabbed for the second out, killing a potential rally. "Willy Taveras, who is a professional base stealer, he decided to steal third. . . . It was not a good play for us. There was no sign of stealing or staying. So it was his decision. That's what I have to say," said Alou.

Although the Dominicans lost, it was a positive day for Pedro Martinez. The future Hall of Famer is using the WBC as an audition as he remains a free agent, and showed the world that he still has some gas in

the tank with three scoreless innings.

"For me, the important thing was to be able to help the team and give them a chance to come back and be able to win the game. Ever since I started, I knew what my mission was. I feel very happy having such great results individually," said Martinez, who struck out four.

Miguel Tejada, who replaced A-Rod at third, homered in the fourth, and Olivo scored on a sac fly in the fifth, but that was all the Dominicans could muster. The Dominicans will play today against Panama, which lost to Puerto Rico last

night.

For the Netherlands, it's onward and, maybe with Saturday's victory, upward to baseball heights the country has never seen.

"This feels real good," said Delmonico. "We've got a lot of baseball left. It's a great moment for us because it was able to be played on TV in the Netherlands and Curacao, and so a lot of people back home were able to watch the game. It gave us great exposure, not only in our country but nationwide. We're just starting the tournament. Our goal now is to get to Miami (for the second round)."





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#### PetroChina, Petrobras pursue Aruba refinery-sources



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HOUSTON, March 6 (Reuters)
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and Brazil's state-owned oil
company Petrobras were seen
as potential bidders for Valero
Energy Corp's refinery in
Aruba, sources familiar with
Valero's attempts to sell the
refinery said on Friday.

Colombia's state-run oil company Ecopetrol ECO. CN was also interested in the 275,000 barrel per day (bpd) refinery Valero put up for sale in November 2007, said another source familiar with the matter.

PetroChina's interest has been known for sometime on the island off Venezuela's coast and was even reported in a local newspaper, according to the sources.

Petrobras renewed its interest in the refinery late last year after pursuing a sale early in 2008 that ended after a January fire at the plant.

"More than one company has expressed an interest in the refinery," said Valero spokesman Bill Day, who declined to identify any of the interested companies. Representatives from PetroChina and Ecopetrol were not immediately available. A spokeswoman for Petrobras said the company had no immediate comment.

Representatives from PetroChina have twice toured the refinery, the sources said, and a third visit had been scheduled.

PetroChina officials have also met government officials to discuss an exemption for the refinery from Aruba's 28-percent tax rate that expires at the end of 2010 and a tax dispute underway with Valero.

"Valero and the government can't come to agreement on the tax issue, so Valero wants to sell," one of the sources said.

Valero and Aruba are arbitrating a dispute over an additional tax the government placed on the refinery.

Valero has said it wants to sell the Aruba refinery because it cannot make finished gasoline for the U.S. market without further expensive upgrades. The company says it has already put \$500 million into he plant.

Valero ships intermediate feedstock from Aruba to its U.S. Gulf Coast and East Coast refineries.

Valero's asking price, thought to be between \$1 billion and \$2 billion, for a refinery requiring additional billions in improvements, and the tax issues are thought to be the biggest stumbling blocks to a sale, the sources said.

Day declined to discuss a price tag for the refinery purchased for \$495 million in 2004.

"We're considering our options," Day said. "We don't have to sell. If we don't get a good offer, we'll keep it."

Beginning in 2007, Petrobras pursued a purchase of the Aruba refinery.

A sale to Petrobras was due to be announced in January 2008, but was put on hold when one of the refinery's crude distillation vacuum units was heavily damaged in a late January fire. The entire refinery was shut for about two weeks and the crude unit returned to service at the end of May 2008.

Due to an internal dispute within Petrobras, the company dropped its plans to acquire the Aruba refinery and temporarily stalled in its effort to acquire complete ownership of a 100,000 bpd Pasadena, Texas, refinery.

With the internal disagreement resolved, Petrobras is renewing its interest in the Aruba refinery, the sources



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Aruba welcomes Luis Carlos Vélez of CNN Latin America

## **CNN anchor discovers Moby Dick's**



PALM BEACH - On Saturday night, Luis Carlos Vélez of CNN Latin America had a whale of a good time at the new Moby Dick's Seafood Restaurant in the Paseo Herencia Mall. Restaurant Co-Owners Brian & Luz Marina Reeve and Gilbert Senchi welcomed Vélez together with his colleague Matt Vigil and Director of Aruba Tourism Authority (ATA) Myrna Jansen, ATA South America Miriam Davian and ATA Public Relations Mariza Tromp.

Luis Carlos Vélez is an anchor and producer for CNN en Español.

He oversees the network's business unit, and presents financial news updates for various newscasts. Vélez is based at CNN's global headquarters in Atlanta. Vélez hosts a weekly program called Destinos for CNN en Español of State Condoleezza Rice, U.S. in which Aruba will be featured. Vélez has interviewed various high-profile figures in recent years, including U.S. Secretary

Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld and Phil Chicola, Director of Andean Affairs for the U.S. Senate.







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Pictured are a variety of guests enjoying the best Sushi on Aruba.

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#### The French Steakhouse Gets a Seasonal Refresh



Eagle Beach – Locals and visitors have been looking forward to the seasonal menu tweak and recharge of the French Steakhouse, under the expert direction of executive chef George Hoek. The good news reached us just recently. The master has finally revealed his grand retouch, resulting in a packed dining-room every night of the week.

Among appetizers Chef George now lists his popular classics, Escargot a la Pernod and Prosciutto Ham & Melon next to his novel selections, Authentic Aruba Keeshi Yena and Tropical Crab Cakes with pineapple and mango salsa.

The classic menu of the French Steak House received a pepped-up twist, also evident in the salad section featuring a Honey Glazed Salmon Salad and a Hearts of Palm with Roasted Pepper salad.

The menu now boasts more seafood, from fresh fish to the totally sinful and amazingly decadent Caribbean Stuffed Shrimp with Crabmeat and Bacon, which became an instant hit. The tequila and sweet chili glaze, lends the Jumbo shrimp a pure taste of heaven! The famous South American Churrasco steak, a signature preparation, now shares the limelight with juicy USDA beef specialties such as NY Sirloin and Filet Mignon. And Chef George definitely took the boring out of chicken with his Jerk Curried Skewers and Lemon Herb Broilers.

Open seven days a week from 5:30 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. the French Steakhouse is blessed with the nicest staff and a delightfully renovated dining room with sparkling China, crisp linen, an interesting bread basket, colossal desserts and live jazz on piano with Eddy Samson.

Hungry patrons will appreciate the Ambassador's 5-couse menu featuring the run of the menu highlights for just \$34.95 per person, at the Manchebo Beach Resort & Spa, on Eagle beach.





## Pega Pega Café & Beach Bar perfects beach cuisine



Eagle Beach – Pega Pega Café & Beach Bar at the Manchebo Beach Resort & Spa recently unveiled its new lunch & cocktail menu, conceived and presented by executive chef George Hoek.

A few months ago, when Chef Hoek joined the Manchebo's culinary team, he promised to introduce a "Sun Splashed" menu to the resort's Café & Beach Bar, thus elevating beach cuisine to an ultimate high.

True to his promise, the chef delivered

a contemporary menu, listing many favorite dishes from around the world, deriving inspiration off US, Mexican, Thai, Jamaican, Cuban, Greek and Mediterranean menus, all served with a tropical, Caribbean flair.

For starters to Sun-Sational Salads, to open face sandwiches, Cuban pressed jawbreakers and wraps, Chef Hoek went out of his way to bring novelty to mid-day platters, while not forgetting the classics, which also make an appearance on his menu starring oversize Beef Burgers, Philly Cheese Steak Sandwiches and Hot Dogs.

The Pega Pega tropical & frozen cocktail list, with fresh fruit or ice cream smoothies, daiquiris, coladas and margaritas, leaves nothing out, including Yellow Birds, Sex on the Beach and Mudslides, making a lunchtime brain-freeze, extremely easy to get!

The Pega Pega, one of Aruba oldest beach bars is open on fabulous Eagle Beach, with unrivaled views, caring, gracious service, and relaxed atmosphere, from 12 noon to 5 p.m. The bar opens at 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.



## Giorgio's Ristorante Italiano delivers authentic Italian flavors



Eagle Beach -- Italian food lovers needn't walk far. Giorgio's Ristorante Italiano located within walking distance of all low-rise resorts, at the charming Manchebo Beach Resort & Spa, delivers Mamma Mia cuisine.

The Manchebo's Executive Chef George Hoek concocted an irresistible menu of Italian classic specialties with a contemporary feel, served al fresco, on the garden terrace or around the tropical pool.

From Anti Pasti to Insalata, Zuppa to Pesce, the menu welcomes diners with familiar recipes, which distinctly demonstrates the talents of Executive ChefGeorgeHoek, a master of flavorful sauces, delicious combinations and delightful presentations

At the heart of the menu, the Pasta section, delivers a nice variety to be shared by two or enjoyed unabashedly solo – go ahead, you only live once. Pizza appears on Giorgio's menu for

those craving thin crusts and ample toppings, with a selection of classic pies made to order and served with a genuine Italian accent. Angelo, the Maitre D is Italian, naturally.

Giorgio's Piatti Principali feature a hit-parade of dishes, which make it very difficult to choose.

Giorgio's Osso Bucco will have you moaning with great satisfaction as you heap the braised veal shanks flavored with herbs and a red wine reduction, escorted by potato gnocchi, onto your fork, getting lost in the symphonic, robust flavors.

Chef George says General Manager Edgar Roelofs, is an incredibly valuable addition to our team as his food is divine, and his desserts deserve a special article on their own!

To check things out yourselves, call Giorgio's at the Manchebo Beach Resort. It is open for dinner nightly.



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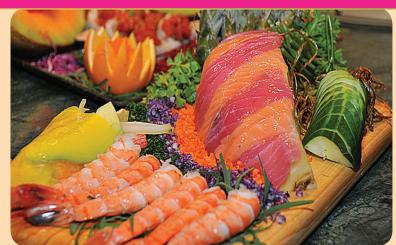
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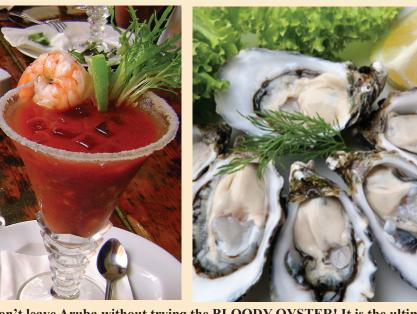
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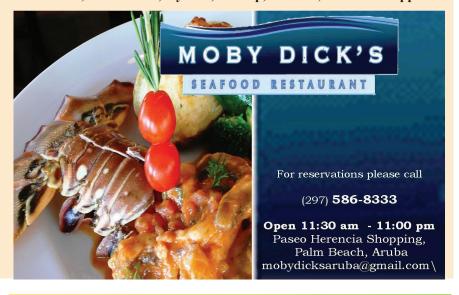


runs along the complete wall. The menu promises to be a true seafood lovers dream. Lobsters, fresh fish fillets, shrimps, Moby Dick's has everything on the menu. There is of course a land lubbers section for those who are so disposed. The wine list is impressive to say the least, and the cocktails are definitely worth a taste.

Moby Dick's is open for lunch as well. The chef has made a well rounded, extensive menu for you to choose from. You will find what you want, whatever your craving may be at that time. The staff is amongst the friendliest on the island, ever so attentive to your every whim. So long story short, for unbelievable seafood in unique surroundings, go to Moby Dick's. You'll have a whale of a time!



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Last week, another incentive group enjoyed a dinner event on Aqua Grill's beautiful outdoor terrace surrounded by lush tropical gardens.

The group of 16 was part of an incentive trip from Nebraskabasedcompany, ChiefIndustry, who indulged in fresh local catches like snapper, grouper,



and mahi mahi prepared in steaks, pasta, and chicken for the open-view kitchen, the the non-seafood eaters in the island's largest raw bar, and live Maine lobster, as well as

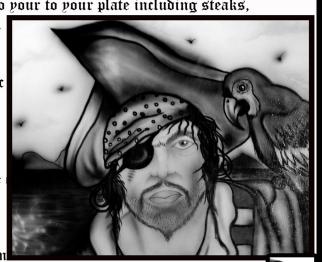
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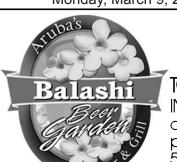
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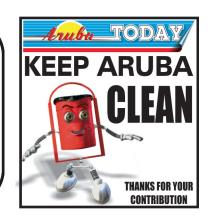
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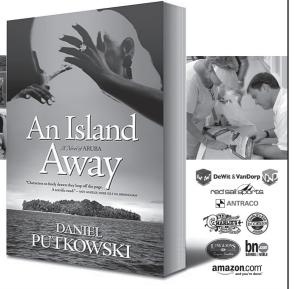








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## **New CH Carolina Herrera Store**



Oranjestad - The new CH Carolina Herrera is a most beautiful store, evocative of an elegant and sophisticated movie star walk-in closet. The space is very inviting and the use of subdued light and mix & match color scales inspires serenity and calm.

The comfortable dressing rooms add to that warm and welcoming atmosphere, and the display cases show off amazing craftsmanship and quality of materials.

The store exudes luxury and intimacy as patrons enter the understated doors and find themselves surrounded by dark oak, ebony, mahogany and teak, fine leather, translucent alabaster, raw silk, crushed linen, with wool sisal carpets

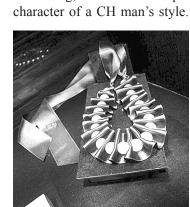


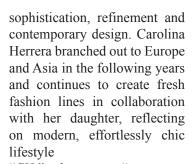
under their feet. The visual and emotional experience is further enhanced with a quaint fireplace and a genuine library.

The image of Carolina and Carolina Jr, graces one of the walls, reminding shoppers that the abundance on the shelves are the product of a prolific designer whose impeccable taste has helped dress both man and women since 1981, when she launched her premiere women's collection in New York City, creating Carolina Herrera, Ltd.

The world of Carolina Herrera includes: luxury ready-towear, bridal, eyewear, furs, and fragrances. In 2000 the Carolina Herrera NY flagship store opened on prestigious Madison Avenue, delivering

frames.





"CH," she says, "represents today's lifestyle. It represents my daughters and myself. It is a spirit and an attitude towards life. The CH woman is free and modern; the CH man is unique and active. It is a complete universe of elegance, comfort and style, housed in an extraordinarily refined space." Upon entering the store, accessories capture shoppers' attention in the men's and women's sections. Women may browse the casual sportswear, tailored suits and evening separates. Men's tailored suits share the space with smart dress shirts, colorful neckties and luxurious knits.

The handbags, a bold and subtle fusion of leathers and canvas printed with the CH initials occupy center stage and present a hard to resist choice, especially when combined with snakeskin and crocodile. Small leather goods make the perfect gifts, in a variety of styles, sizes and colors. Footwear offers a collection of simple lines and sophisticated details, complimenting both the women's and men's clothing Specialty items, deigned for modern living, include CH

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Neckties, scarves& shawls, are an essential part of the collection. The neckties made of natural silks are both traditional and daring, which is the unique



of refined silks and natural fabrics surprise with a burst of color and are key to the look which balances many aesthetic aspects.

The store also offers limited edition items, which are charming objects for babies, sports, office, leisure time and driving.

The team of CH Carolina Herrera is eager to show you around the store anytime, with store manager Ilonka van Leerdam and visual and merchandising professional Erik Correia at the helm, drop



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PALM BEACH - A creative crew from Voyages TV is on the island filming programs for the online community catering to consumers whose shared interest is luxury travel. Voyages TV's focus is exclusively on the discerning consumer with an above average income, education and comfort with technology and thus an important segment for advertisers. The Voyages TV visiting Aruba consists of Travel Educator Lynn Parramore,



Voyages TV producer/director Suzanne Paxton, sound man Ethan Goldberger and camera man Alexis Boiling. The crew staying at the Divi Phoenix has been shooting footage around the island, having enjoyed lunch at Ventanas del Mar, dinner at Gasparito,



## yages TV on Aruba



a sea-side massage at Spa Del Sol, and just one spectacular sunset, it was a bit cloudy and it drizzled Saturday, they

Voyages, explains Parramore recognizes that a traveler's evaluation of a destination depends on information that is more than a list of to-dos and amenities, thus her well-vetted, independent recommendations are key to attracting the elite consumer.

report.

Lynn's "word-of mouth" Signature Series will be offered in April on Voyagestelevision. com as high-quality video programming, as a kind of luxury destination guide, combined with a state-of-theart booking engine.

This unique mix of features brings a combination of expertise, engagement and convenience to Voyages TV members, that no other on-line travel site offers.

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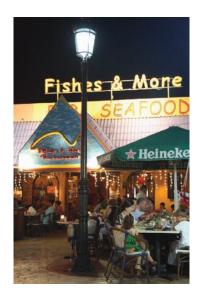


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Pictured here Voyages TV relaxing between shots, at the Manchebo Beach Resort & Spa.  $\square$ 

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#### "Fishes and More" leads the way in seafood dining



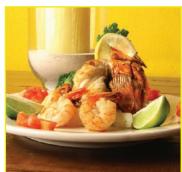
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PALM BEACH – Fishes and More Restaurant opened up in the Arawak Gardens just 3 and a half years ago and has been a great success since day one. Word on the street is that once you eat at Fishes and More, consider yourself addicted. The owners Jeroen Kuling

and Hans Heijink together with the staff Romalo, Heidi, Mariella, Denise and Chef Gerben work hard keeping the restaurant open 7 days a week from 4 pm till 11pm for everyone to enjoy. The ambiance at the restaurant is out of this world, whether dinning inside in the relaxed air-conditioned dinning room or outside on the terrace to enjoy the tropical breeze and daily live music. Most guests come in early for the daily fresh catches, such as Red snapper, grouper, mahi mahi, wahoo and tuna. Check with the server to find out about the Catch of the day. The chef will be more than happy to prepare your fish the way you like it best: grilled, deep-fried,



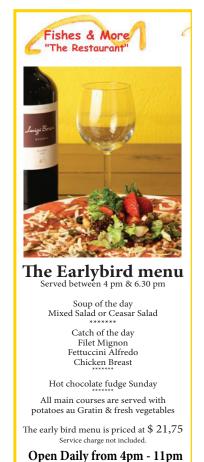
pan-fried or the chef's choice. Every Wednesday, seafood specials are prepared depending on what the Fishermen bring in fresh out of the water that afternoon. These specials usually include fresh Caribbean lobster and pounds of peeled shrimps. Fishes and More is for everyone, from large groups, families, couples and even singles who can't shake the seafood addiction can stop in for a fix of Pina Colada Shrimp. For those who like to try something different or have had their fill of spectacular seafood, the chef prepares a wonderful array of filet



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In this Feb. 18, 2009, file photo Barry Rosenberg of New York, from center left, John Fromholtz of New Jersey, and Dale Turnage, of Vacaville, Calif., who came to New York for this job fair, stand on line at a National Career Fairs job fair outside the Radisson Martinique On Broadway Hotel as they and hundreds of others wait to enter the building. Unemployment hasn't reached levels of the 1982 recession, and the Gross Domestic Product hasn't fallen quite as far, but pain from this recession is spread more widely across the nation, and uncertainty about the health of the U.S. economy already is worse on March, 6, 2009, than it was in 1982.

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## Recession on track to be longest in postwar period

By DEB RIECHMANN

**Associated Press Writer** 

WASHINGTON (AP) — Factory jobs disappeared. Inflation soared. Unemployment climbed to alarming levels. The hungry lined up at soup kitchens.

It wasn't the Great Depression of the 1930s. It was the 1981-82 recession, widely considered America's worst since the depression.

That painful time during Ronald Reagan's presidency is a grim marker of how bad things can get. Yet the current recession could slice deeper into the U.S. economy.

If it lasts into April — as it almost surely will — this one will go on record as the longest in the postwar era. The 1981-82 and 1973-75 recessions each lasted 16 months.

Unemployment has not reached 1982 levels and the gross domestic product has not fallen quite as far. But the hurt from this recession is spread more widely and uncertainty about the country's economic health is worse today than it was in 1982.

Back then, if someone asked if the nation was about to experience something as bad as the Great Depression, the answer was, "Quite clearly, 'No," said Murray Weidenbaum, chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers in the Reagan White House.

"You don't have that certainty today," he said. "It's not only that the downturn is sharp and

widespread, but a lot of people worry that it's going to be a long-lasting, substantial downturn."

For months, headlines have compared this recession with the one that began in July 1981 and ended in November 1982.

—In January, reports showed 207,000 manufacturing jobs vanished in the largest onemonth drop since October 1982.

—Major automakers' U.S. sales extended their deep slump in February, putting the industry on track for its worst sales month in more than 27 years.

—Struggling homebuilders have just completed the worst year for new home sales since 1982.

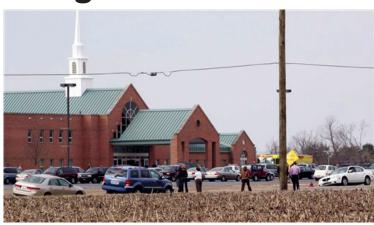
—There are 12.5 million people out of work today, topping the number of jobless in 1982.

"I think most people think it is worse than 1982," said John Steele Gordon, a financial historian. "I don't think many people think it will be 1932 again. Let us pray. But it's probably going to be the worst postwar recession, certainly."

The 1982 downturn was driven primarily by the desire to rid the economy of inflation. To battle a decade-long bout of high inflation, then-Federal Reserve Chairman Paul Volcker, now an economic adviser to President Barack Obama, pushed interest rates up to levels not seen since the 1861-65 Civil War. The approach tamed inflation, but not without suffering.

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## Police: Pastor deflected first gunshot with Bible



Maryville First Baptist Church is seen Sunday morning, March 8, 2009, in Maryville, Ill., after a man shot a pastor to death and injured others at the church.

**By JIM SUHR** 

**Associated Press Writer** 

MARYVILLE, Illinois (AP) — A pastor shot and killed during his Sunday sermon deflected the first of the gunman's four rounds with a Bible, spraying a confetti of paper into the air during a horrifying scene that congregants initially thought was a skit, police said.

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Iraqi government spokesman Ali al-Dabbagh, center, speaks during a joint news conference with Maj. Gen. David Perkins, right, and U.S. Embassy spokesman Adam Ereli, left, in Baghdad, Iraq, Sunday, March 8, 2009. The U.S. military announced Sunday that 12,000 American and 4,000 British troops will leave Iraq by September 2009. Maj. Gen. David Perkins said the troop withdrawals will reduce U.S. combat power from 14 brigades to 12 along with some supporting units. The U.S. also plans to turn over 74 facilities and areas under its control to the Iraqis by the end of March as part of the drawdown.

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## Deadly blast hits Baghdad as U.S. plans troop exit

By LARA JAKES

**Associated Press Writer** 

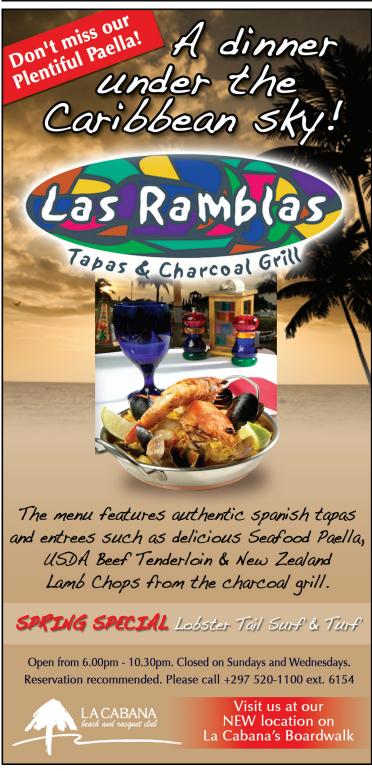
BAGHDAD (AP) — About 12,000 U.S. soldiers will leave Iraq by September under President Barack Obama's pledge to end America's combat role here, officials said Sunday, hours after a Baghdad suicide bomber killed about 30 people in a chilling reminder of the nation's still-shaky security.

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In this Feb. 11, 2009, file photo thousands of people line up at a federal government job fair in downtown Atlanta. The 1981-82 recession, widely considered America's worst since the depression, is a grim marker of how bad things can get, yet this recession could slice deeper into the U.S. economy, and if it lasts into April 2009, will be on record as the longest in postwar history.

Associated Press

#### RECESSION Continued from Front Page

Hardest hit was the industrial Midwest; the Pacific Northwest, where the logging industry lagged from construction declines; and some states in the South, where the recession hit late.

where the recession hit late. Frustrated workers fled to the Sunbelt states in the southwest to find work. In Michigan, which led the U.S. in jobless workers, newspapers offered idled auto workers free "job wanted" ads in the classified section. Mortgages carried double-digit interest rates.

When the 1982 recession one factory and walking into ended, the national jobless another one down the street are over," O'Connor said. He

Just like today, that recession led to political finger-pointing.

When the government reported a 10.1 percent jobless rate for September 1982, organized labor rallied across the street from the White House. A few protesters chained themselves to an entrance at the Labor Department. The U.S. Chamber of Commerce called it a national tragedy and blamed Democrats. Democrats called it a national tragedy and blamed Reagan.

Even months after the recession officially ended, Reagan was greeted in Pittsburgh by signs that said: "We want jobs, Mr. Hoover" and "Reagan says his economic program is working — are you?" President Herbert Hoover's term in 1929-33 is forever linked in history with the Great Depression.

Those not as badly hurt have fuzzy memories of the 1981-82 recession.

Not Jim O'Connor of Pekin, Illinois, who was president of United Auto Workers Local 974 when Caterpillar Tractor Co. was laying off workers in Peoria in the 1980s.

Maybe time has soothed the sting O'Connor felt, but he contends the economic problems facing workers today are worse than during the recession he survived nearly three decades ago.

"The days of walking out of up.

one factory and walking into another one down the street are over," O'Connor said. He retired from Caterpillar in 2001 but thinks he might find a part-time job to help pay his health insurance.

"When I hired in at Caterpillar in 1968, we had numerous factories here. Almost all of that has left the country or moved South. The unions don't have any leverage anymore at the bargaining table. So these young people (today) aren't only out of work, you know. They weren't making a living wage when they lost their job," he said.

Like Reagan did then, Obama is dishing up hope. Trouble is, people can't visualize any reward they might get from making it through this recession, said William Niskanen, an economic adviser to Reagan.

There's little hope of any gain from the pain. Falling housing and stock prices have undermined household wealth. People are worried about losing their jobs, their homes and their retirement savings all at a time when health care is weighing down income.

"In the 1980s, it was clear to people that the inflation rate was going to come way down and it did," Niskanen said. "There was a sense that we were going through a tough time for a while as a price of getting inflation down and that things would come back



## U.S. NEWS B3 Monday, March 9, 2009 lack AG, Wallace's daughter celebrate in Selma

**By PHILLIP RAWLS Associated Press Writer** 

SELMA, Alabama (AP) America's first black attorney general and Gov. George C. Wallace's daughter celebrated Selma-to-Montgomery voting rights march Sunday 44 years after state troopers from her father's administration beat marchers as they started the landmark journey.

Wallace Kennedy Peggy introduced Attorney General Eric Holder at a historic Selma church filled to overflowing.

"It's reconciliation and redemption," Wallace's daughter said.

Selma's annual Bridge Crossing Jubilee, commemorating the 1965 voting rights march, brought together civil rights leaders Jesse Jackson, Al Sharpton and Joseph Lowery in addition to the attorney general and several members of Congress, including Rep. John Lewis of Georgia, who was beaten in the original Selma march. More than a thousand people took part in recreating the march Sunday.

Holder and Kennedy embraced atBrownChapelAMEChurch, where marchers organized on March 7, 1965, to begin their 50-mile (80-kilometer) trek to Montgomery.

A few blocks into the march, they were beaten by state troopers on Selma's Edmund Pettus Bridge\_an event that became known as "Bloody Sunday."

The march to Montgomery was later completed under federal protection, with Martin Luther King Jr., leading it. It prompted passage of the Voting Rights Act, which opened Southern polling places to blacks and ended all-white government.

"I am a beneficiary of Selma," Holder said.

Wallace's daughter endorsed Barack Obama for president last fall, but she and Holder had never met until Sunday. But the ties between them go back decades.

Her father stood in the schoolhouse door at the University of Alabama in 1963 in an unsuccessful attempt keep Holder's future



Rep. John Lewis, D-Ga., center right wearing flowers, holds the hand of House Majority Leader Rep. Stenny Hoyer, D-Md., as they cross the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma, Ala., Sunday, March 8, 2009, on the 44th anniversary of the Voting Rights March. Next to Lewis is Peggy Wallace-Kennedy, daughter of former Alabama Gov. George C. Wallace, and between them in the background is Jesse Jackson. At right is Al Sharpton.

sister-in-law, Vivian Malone Jones, from integrating the university.

"I so wish Vivian had lived to see this moment," Holder said after hugging Wallace's she said she never spoke out

daughter.

Kennedy said that as a child watching the Selma-to-Montgomery march, "I knew their cause was just." But

politically until she endorsed Obama, who appointed Holder.

> Selma's black mayor said Obama's election was the fulfillment of marchers'

**Associated Press** 

"What happened in Selma 44 years ago set in motion events that led to the election of our 44th president, Barack Obama," Mayor George Evans said.

Holder said no one dreamed on "Bloody Sunday" that George Wallace would later apologize for his segregationist views or that his daughter would one day support a black man for president.

But he said it's no time to

In an earlier speech at Wallace Community College, Holder said it's vital to protect a key provision of the Voting Rights Act. The U.S. Supreme Court agreed in January to review a lower court ruling that upheld a portion of the law that requires all or part of 16 states, including Alabama, to get federal approval before implementing any changes in the way elections are held.

"We must commit ourselves to continuing to defend the Voting Rights Act, which is under attack," Holder said.

#### **Obama leads birthday** salute to Ted Kennedy

**By ANDREW MIGA** 

**Associated Press Writer** 

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama led a Kennedy Center crowd in a performance of "Happy Birthday" Sunday night, capping a star-studded musical birthday tribute to ailing Sen. Edward M. Kennedy.

The Massachusetts Democrat was honored at the Kennedy Center at an event hosted by comedian Bill Cosby. Actresses Lauren Bacall and Bernadette Peters, singer James Taylor and conductor John Williams were among those who performed.

Toward the end of the gala, Cosby introduced Obama to loud applause from the performers and the audience. The president strode to the center of the stage and then conducted the performers in the birthday tune. Kennedy stood and delivered a thumbs-up from his balcony, where he was accompanied by first lady Michelle Obama.

The president later met Kennedy in his box as the performers sang "The Best Is Yet to Come."

Caroline Kennedy presented her uncle with her family's Profile in Courage Award, paying tribute to his efforts to reform the U.S. health care system. When reform becomes a reality, Caroline Kennedy said: "We will all have you to thank. ... We love you, Uncle Teddy."

Referring to her short-lived attempt to seek former New York Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton's Senate seat, Caroline Kennedy joked, "I never thought I'd be in a room with so many

The audience included Massachusetts' other senator, former Democratic presidential nominee John Kerry, as well as Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and



Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., right, laughs with first lady Michelle Obama, President Barack Obama, and Vice-President Joe Biden during a musical birthday salute to Kennedy at The Kennedy Center Sunday, March 8, 2009, in Washington.

**Associated Press** 

Vice President Joe Biden. The 77-year-old Sen. Kennedy is battling brain cancer. He returned to Washington for a White House health care summit last week from

Florida, where he has been continuing his treatment and physical rehabilitation.

Kennedy was diagnosed with a malignant brain tumor after he had a seizure last May.



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#### ussle over Republican leadership, party's future

**Associated Press Writer** 

NEW YORK (AP) — Rush Limbaugh has been Topic A in the political world, with Republicans debating his influence on their party and Democrats trying to elevate the conservative radio host to the Republican Party's de facto spokesman.

The skirmish has cast a bright light on the Republican Party and its search for leadership in the Obama era. But the personality-driven diversion has deflected attention from the deeper problems the party faces.

Simply put, the public isn't buying what Republicans are selling right now.

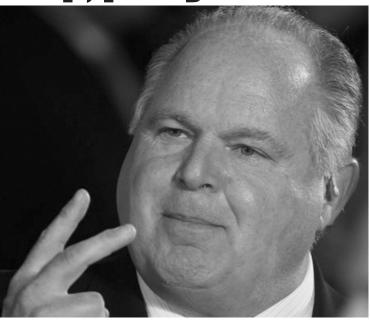
An NBC/Wall Street Journal poll this past week put Republican popularity at near historic lows. Just 26 percent in the survey viewed the party positively, compared with 68 percent for President Barack Obama, despite the economic crisis and sharp Republican criticism of his \$3.8 trillion budget plan.

Republicans trailed by more than a 30-point margin on the question of which party is best positioned to end the recession. Congressional Republicans did show remarkable nearunanimity in opposing Obama's \$787 billion stimulus plan. Yet party leaders have proved less successful in articulating a competing message on the economy. Their call for smaller government and further tax cuts has rung hollow with the public, a majority of whom believe sizable federal intervention is necessary to improve the country's bleak financial condition.

Electorally, the Republican Party faces an environment that is uncertain at best and challenging at worst.

Republicansareoptimisticabout their chances this fall in the governor's races in Virginia and New Jersey, where Democrats now are in office. But the situation is more complicated in 2010, when the Republican Party is defending four open Senate seats, including two in powerhouses Florida and Ohio. Both are important presidential states that swung to Obama in





In this Friday, Jan. 30, 2009 picture, former Maryland Lt. Gov. Michael Steele, left, speaks after being elected the first black Republican National Committee chairman in an election by the RNC during their winter meetings in Washington, and In this Tuesday, Jan. 13, 2009 picture, conservative talk show host Rush Limbaugh, right, talks with guests in the East Room of the White House in Washington. Two days after calling Rush Limbaugh a mere "entertainer" with an "incendiary" talk show, Republican National Committee chairman Michael Steele apologized and acknowledged the radio commentator as a "national conservative leader" on Monday, March 2, 2009.

**Associated Press** 

Republicans also may have to contend with a costly Senate primary in Pennsylvania between incumbent Arlen Specter and conservative former Rep. Pat Toomey. In addition, the National Republican Senatorial Committee has courted potential candidates in Kentucky, fearing that incumbent Jim Bunning may be in danger.

The party's up and coming leaders have stumbled a bit as

Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal, a potential presidential contender in 2012, was widely panned after his nationally televised response to Obama's address to Congress last month.

Jindal and other Southern governors, including South Carolina's Mark Sanford and Mississippi's Haley Barbour, have drawn flack for refusing money from Obama's economic stimulus plan to help expand unemployment benefits, even though their states have some of the highest unemployment rates in the country.

And Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin, the 2008 Republican vice presidential nominee, has avoided the spotlight amid complaints in her state that she had been too focused on developing her national profile. Democrats have their share of political headaches, most notably Illinois Sen. Roland Burris. He has refused to step down after acknowledging he had tried to raise money for the state's former governor, Rod Blagojevich, who appointed Burris to the seat before being impeached and removed from office.

In New York, Kirsten Gillibrand, recently appointed to the Senate seat left vacant when Hillary Rodham Clinton was named secretary of state, may face a serious primary challenge in

Still, little on the Democratic side compares with the Republican Party's challenges. "We are in a situation that is not enviable," longtime New Hampshire Republican activist Tom Rath said. "We don't control the White House, either house in Congress, and we don't have a huge number of governors. And we had eight years where President Bush set the tone for the party."

Luckily for the Republican Party, many of those problems were obscured this past week by the Limbaugh flap.

To be sure, lots of Republicans are furious their party got bogged down in a fight over Limbaugh, a bombastic bomb thrower who repeatedly has declared he hopes Obama's economic policies will fail.

Party leaders are reluctant to criticize a radio host who commands an audience of 13 million largely Republican listeners per week.

Limbaugh is a polarizing figure who has limited appeal beyond the party's most conservative base.

Former House Speaker Newt Gingrich sharply criticized White House chief of staff Rahm Emanuel, who kicked off the anti-Limbaugh strategy last weekend by calling Limbaugh "the voice and intellectual force and energy" driving the Republican Party.

"As long as Rahm Emanuel is in the White House, it's a Nixon White House," Gingrich said in an interview. Gingrich said the effort to tie Republicans to Limbaugh was "a totally cynical and divisive ploy that undermines what Obama has said about being bipartisan."

Other leading Democrats were part of the chorus as well. Former Obama campaign manager David Plouffe wrote a newspaper column comparing Limbaugh to "fingernails on a blackboard."

Limbaugh seemed to relish the brouhaha. On Wednesday, he invited Obama to debate him and offered to pay the president's way to his radio studio in Florida.

Sanford, the South Carolina governor and a potential 2012 presidential contender, dismissed the tussle over Limbaugh as "political theater" that had little relevance to most people's lives.

"It's all secondary to the larger

question of whether people, on a gut level, feel the country's headed in the right direction and whether there are answers coming from both political parties that help them with issues that impact their lives," Sanford said.

Gingrich started a has Web based group, American Solutions.com, to help Republicans think creatively about issues such as financial markets, the environment and and technological science innovation.

He praised several Republican leaders as promising new voices for the party, including Sens. John Barrasso of Wyoming and Bob Corker of Tennessee, and Reps. Eric Cantor of Virginia, Kevin McCarthy of California and Mike Pence of Indiana.

And he had high praise for Jindal and Palin, whom he called "very smart" with a promising future. "Think of the Republican Party as a tapestry where there are many threads," Gingrich said. "This is a tapestry that will emerge with tremendous strength and coherence."

Still, the challenges are such that the Republican chairman, Michael Steele, pledged in a radio interview to put the Republican Party on a "12-step program" to cure it of its ills. That came after he was forced to apologize to Limbaugh for calling his message "incendiary and ugly."



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The gunman strode down the aisle of the sprawling First Baptist Church shortly after 8 a.m. and briefly spoke with The Rev. Fred Winters before pulling out a .45-caliber semiautomatic pistol and shooting at the pastor, Illinois State Police Director Larry Trent said.

"We thought it was part of a drama skit ... when he shot, what you saw was confetti," said congregant Linda Cunningham, whose husband is a minister of adult education at the church. "We just sat there waiting for what comes next, not realizing that he had wounded the pastor."

The weapon jammed before the man could fire again, Trent said. The attacker then pulled out a four-inch knife, stabbing himself and two men who tackled him, he said.

Winters was pronounced dead at Anderson Hospital, hospital spokeswoman Natalie Head said.

Authorities didn't know whether Winters, a married father of two who had led the church for nearly 22 years, and the gunman knew each other. No one at the church seemed to recognize the 27-year-old gunman. Police would not release his name pending possible charges.

"We don't know the relationship (between the gunman and pastor), why he's here or what the circumstances came about that caused him in the first place to be here," said Illinois State Police Master Trooper Ralph Timmins.

The Rev. Mark Jones, another pastor at First Baptist, said he briefly saw the gunman but not the shooting, though he heard a sound like miniature firecrackers.

"We have no idea what this guy's motives were," Jones said outside the church.

Trent did not have details of Winters' conversation with the gunman.

"Right now all we know is that the suspect said something to the pastor and the pastor said something back," he said.

The gunman and one stabbing victim, 39-year-old Terry Bullard, underwent surgery at St. Louis University Hospital, spokeswoman Laura Keller

said. Bullard was in serious condition, she said.

Keller did not release details of the gunman's condition or injuries. The other victim, Keith Melton, was treated and released from Gateway Regional Medical Center, spokeswoman Kate Allaria said. A man who answered the phone at a listing for Keith Melton in Troy identified himself as Melton's stepson and said Melton had been stabbed but was going to be fine.

First Baptist had an average

attendance of 32 people when Winters became senior pastor in 1987; it now has about 1,200 members, according to the church's Web site. Winters also was former president of the Illinois Baptist State Association and an adjunct professor for Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, according to the site.

The red brick church sits along a busy two-lane highway on the east side of Maryville, a fast-growing village of more than 7,000 about 20 miles northeast of St. Louis.



A law enforcement personnel walks by a sign for the First Baptist Church in Maryville, Ill. Sunday March 8, 2009 after a man killed a pastor and injured others at the church.

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Iraqi Sunni tribal leaders are greeted by a Shiite leader, second right, as they arrive for a national reconciliation meeting in the village of Rashidiyah, some 12 miles north of Baghdad, Iraq, Sunday, March 8, 2009.

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The troops likely will be removed from Baghdad and Anbar province — once the main battlefields of the war. All 4,000 British soldiers in southern Iraq are also slated to leave by September.

A U.S. spokesman, Maj. Gen. David Perkins, said Iraq's security has "greatly improved, and it has moved from a very unstable to a stable position." He cited a 90 percent drop in violence that he called its lowest level since the summer of 2003.

Perkins described Sunday's attack, the worst in Baghdad in months, as a sign that U.S.-led coalition forces have militants on the run.

"We are by no means complacent," Perkins told reporters at an afternoon Baghdad news conference. "We know that al-Qaida, greatly although reduced in capability and numbers, still is desperate to maintain relevance here in Iraq.'

Several hours earlier, the suicide bomber detonated his explosives as he drove his motorcycle into a group of people, many of them police recruits, waiting near a side entrance of Baghdad's main police academy in a mainly Shiite area of the city.

Iraqi and U.S. forces sealed off the scene, allowing only ambulances and fire engines to enter. Nervous Iraqi troops fired in the air to prevent onlookers and reporters from getting too close.

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Haitham Fadhel said he was standing in one of three lines of recruits arriving for their first day of special guard training courses at the academy. He was knocked unconscious and was wounded by shrapnel, but called himself lucky. Two of his friends were killed.

"We were feeling secure as we were waiting in a well-guarded area," said Fadhel, 24, from the mainly Shiite neighborhood of New Baghdad. "Before the explosion occurred I heard a loud shout saying 'Stop, stop, where are you going?' Seconds later, a huge explosion shook the area."

"I am just wondering how a big security breach can occur in such a secured area."

group claimed responsibility for the blast but suicide bombings are the signature attack of Sunni religious extremists, including al-Qaida.

The heavily fortified academy has been hit by several bombings. A Dec. 1 suicide bombing there killed at least 33 people and wounded dozens, including four U.S. soldiers and an Iraqi general. provided officials Iraqi conflicting casualty tolls Sunday, as is common in the chaotic aftermath of bombings.

Three medical officials and one police officer in the area where the bombing occurred said 32 people were killed, including 19 recruits, nine policemen and four traffic police, and about 60 others were wounded.

An Interior Ministry official said the death toll was 28 and 57 were wounded. The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they weren't authorized to release the information.

Extremists increasingly have targeted Iraqi forces as they take over the country's security so American troops can go home. Last week, President Obama announced the end of all combat missions in Iraq by the end of August 2010, leaving up to 50,000 U.S. soldiers to train and assist Iraqi security forces. All U.S. troops are to leave Iraq by the end of 2011.

Currently there are about 135,000 U.S. troops in Iraq, and their withdrawal will be gradual at first to leave most in place for parliamentary

elections at the end of this year. Units due to leave Iraq at the end of their deployment will not be replaced.

The 4,000 British troops due to leave are the last British soldiers in Iraq.

In an interview Sunday, Iraqi Prime Minister Nourial-Maliki predicted the withdrawal would be "responsible" and said Iraqi military and police still need weapons "in order to protect the internal security situation in the first place."

"We, the Iraqi government, feel that the Iraqi security forces are capable of filling any vacuum created by the withdrawal of U.S. forces," Maliki told Iraqi government television.

At a news conference, Iraqi government spokesman Ali al-Dabbagh said Iraqi security forces should be able to secure the country by the end of 2011, but are not yet ready.

"We need some time," al-Dabbagh told reporters.

In the meantime, Perkins said the remaining U.S. forces after the 12,000 Army soldiers and Marines leave in September will be spread out to make sure Iraq continues to be protected.

That will be done in coordination with Iraqi authorities, he said.

The troop withdrawals will reduce U.S. combat power from 14 brigades to 12 along with some supporting units. The U.S. also plans to turn over 74 facilities and areas under its control to the Iraqis by the end of March as part of the drawdown.

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#### Pledges of peace after fatal N.Ireland attack

By SHAWN POGATCHNIK Associated Press Writer

ANTRIM, Northern Ireland (AP) — Catholic and Protestant congregations have prayed together for peace after IRA dissidents killed two British soldiers as they collected pizzas — the first deadly attack on Northern Ireland security forces in 12 years.

The leaders of the territory's C atholic-Protestant administration warned Sunday that Irish Republican Army dissidents were trying to tear apart their young coalition and drag Northern Ireland back toward its bloody past. The leaders postponed a U.S. trip to deal with the crisis but expect to meet with President Barack Obama on St. Patrick's Day as planned.

Police said two dissidents with assault rifles opened fire Saturday night from a car as four soldiers — who were just hours away from being deployed to Afghanistan — met two Domino's Pizza delivery men at the entrance of the Massereene army barracks in Antrim, west of Belfast.

All four were wounded, two fatally. Also shot were the two delivery men, a local teenager who was seriously wounded and a 32-year-old Polish immigrant left in critical condition.

An Irishnewspaper, the Sunday Tribune, said it received a claim of responsibility in a phone call from the Real IRA splinter group. The newspaper said the caller, who used a code word to verify he was authorized to speak for the outlawed gang, defended the shooting and described the pizza delivery men as "collaborators of British rule in Ireland."

The Real IRA was responsible for the deadliest terror attack in Northern Ireland history: a 1998 car bombing of the town of Omagh that killed 29 people, mostly women and children.

The senior Catholic in the power-sharing coalition, Deputy First Minister Martin McGuinness, said dissidents were trying to rekindle sectarian bloodshed and force

Britain to resume sterner security policies. McGuinness, a former IRA commander, called the violence "absolutely futile."

The IRA killed nearly 1,800 people from 1970 to 1997 in a failed effort to force Northern Ireland out of the United Kingdom and into the Republic of Ireland. The IRA disarmed and renounced violence in 2005, but several shadowy splinter groups have tried to continue the campaign.

Both McGuinness and First Minister Peter Robinson, the Protestant leader of the 22-month-old coalition, vowed that the attack would not weaken power-sharing, the central accomplishment of the U.S.-brokered Good Friday peace accord in 1998.

Robinson and McGuinness postponed a U.S. trip, canceling meetings scheduled to start Monday with several American businesses operating in Northern Ireland. But they still expect to visit Obama at the White House on St. Patrick's Day, March 17,

when Northern Ireland leaders traditionally seek American political and economic support.

Robinson urged Protestant extremists not to retaliate against the Catholic community. Two outlawed Protestant groups, the Ulster Defense Association and the Ulster Volunteer Force, claim to have renounced violence but have refused to disarm — because they reserve the right to seek revenge for dissident IRA acts.

"Can I urge all of those who may be angry within the (pro-British) unionist community — this is a matter to be left entirely with the police and the authorities," Robinson said.

Catholic and Protestant congregations in Antrim walked at midday from their churches to the scene of the killing, where police forensic specialists were still searching the ground for bullet fragments.

Ministers from the Catholic, Anglican, Presbyterian and Methodist churches took



A police officer patrols outside the Massereene army barracks in Antrim, west of Belfast, Northern Ireland, Sunday, March, 8, 2009 after two British soldiers were shot to death and four other people wounded in a drive-by ambush Saturday that politicians blamed on IRA dissidents. Suspected IRA dissidents who opened fire on British soldiers and pizza delivery men outside an army base shot their victims again as they lay wounded on the ground, police said Sunday. Two soldiers died and four other people, including two men delivering pizzas, remained hospitalized with serious wounds following Saturday night's attack at the entrance to Massereene army barracks in Antrim, west of Belfast.

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turns praying for the dead and wounded, for the IRA dissidents to give up, and for their often-bickering leaders to stay on a path to reconciliation. The crowd reached several

hundred.

Passers-by left floral tributes and handwritten messages. "Real men who carry guns wear a uniform ... Cowards do not," one read.

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#### China clamps down ahead of key Tibetan anniversary

By AUDRA ANG

**Associated Press Writer** 

DAOFU, China (AP) — Military convoys rumble along winding mountain roads, the Internet has been cut in potential trouble spots and motorists must run a gantlet of inspection checkpoints as Beijing mounts a show of force in Tibetan areas to prevent a repeat of uprisings against Chinese rule.

A volatile period begins Tuesday, the 50th anniversary of a failed revolt that sent the Tibetan leader, the Dalai Lama, into exile.

A year ago, Tibetans erupted in protest — sometimes violently. Today, checkpoints and garrisons seem as numerous as the fortress-like Buddhist monasteries and white-domed shrines that dot the steep slopes and pastures of western China bordering Tibet. The result is a kind of martial law, with constant tension across a third of Beijing's territory.

In Daofu, a town in Sichuan province where Buddhist mantras are carved into the sides of 13,000-foot (4,300-meter) snow-dusted mountains, the streets where local nuns protested a year ago are calm. Officials say monasteries are closed to visitors, with monks remaining inside studying Buddhist scriptures.

While markets are bustling and many shopkeepers do brisk business, the atmosphere is steeped in watchfulness.



Tibetan nuns labor to collect stones for the construction of a monastery near the Ganzi area in southwestern China's Sichuan province, Thursday, March 5, 2009. Military convoys lumber between towns, police patrol streets and Internet service is unplugged as China mounts a show of force in its Tibetan areas to prevent a repeat of uprisings against Chinese rule.

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Police cars and military trucks patrol dusty streets where prayer flags flutter from homes and Buddhist shrines.

"There have been thousands of police and troops here since the Lhasa riots last year. It has affected our lives," said one resident, who declined to give his name for fear of reprisals by local officials. "Food is more expensive and harder to buy because the soldiers are eating a lot."

Authorities have purged monasteries of suspected agitators and enforced denunciation campaigns of the Dalai Lama.

Rumors that the spiritual

leader would be kidnapped by Chinese authorities touched off the uprising in Lhasa on March 10, 1959, nine years after the Communist army marched into the Tibetan regional capital.

Monks in Lhasa tried to stage a commemorative march last year, drawing a blockade by police. That set off protests that erupted in an anti-Chinese riot in Lhasa on March 14. Hundreds of shops were torched and ethnic Chinese attacked in the rioting that spread to dozens of communities before sputtering out last summer.

The Tibetan government-inexile says 220 Tibetans died and nearly 7,000 were detained in demonstrations in Tibet and in Tibetan communities in three surrounding provinces. Beijing says 22 people died in Lhasa, most of them Chinese civilians. It has acknowledged deaths elsewhere but not provided a tally.

Amnesty International said Friday the region has been subjected to "a year of escalating human rights violations." The International Campaign for Tibet, a Washington-based group, says it has identified more than 600 people detained in the past year, and though some have been released, it says most are still in detention.

China has blamed the Dalai Lama and his exile movement for fomenting the unrest to restore a Buddhist theocracy that Communist rule overturned. Despite the Dalai Lama's repeated insistence he wants autonomy for Tibetans — and not independence — the government on Saturday renewed its criticism that he's a secessionist.

"The Dalai is by no means a religious figure but a political figure," Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi told reporters in Beijing. "Our differences with him are not over religious issues, human rights, democracy or culture. It is about whether we should defend China's unity and prevent Tibet from being separated from China's territory."

Unifying the 100,000 Tibetans in exile and many of the more than 5 million in China is a shared fear of what the Dalai Lama has called a "cultural genocide" as religious practices are restricted and many ethnic Han Chinese have moved into the region and dominate commerce.

"I feel sad and frustrated over what is happening in Tibet," said B. Tsering, the president of the Tibetan Women's Association in the exile capital in Dharmsala, India. "The very environment in which Tibetan culture, particularly the Tibetan way of life, survives, is being destroyed systematically by the settling people."

What is happening in Tibetan areas has become increasingly difficult to verify. Internet and cell phone text-messaging services — some of the ways that protesters organized and kept abreast of developments last year — have been suspended for the past two weeks or so in Aba and Ganzi, two areas in Sichuan where violent protests broke out last year.

"As far as I know, some of our service has been affected in some parts of Aba and Ganzi due to system maintenance there. We are making allout efforts to resolve the problem, and I hope it will be done very soon," said Lei Yu, a spokeswoman for China Mobile Ltd., the carrier's subsidiary in Hong Kong.

Foreigners have been barred from many Tibetan communities for much of the past year. Associated Press reporters were detained by police twice in recent days.

"This a sensitive period," said Yong Qing, a foreign affairs official in Daofu. She told the AP reporters to turn back because checkpoints and heavy snow made traveling deeper into Tibetan areas impossible. But she added: "Things are stable at the moment. We don't want that upset."

Visitors to Lhasa in recent months have described swarms of armed police positioned across the city, some on rooftops, and blocking roads leading toward Sichuan. To the north in Gansu province, police checkpoints block the roads to Tibetan monasteries. A Tibetan government official said Sunday that the buildup of troops and police was a temporary measure against possible disturbances by Dalai Lama followers and foreign activists.

"Most parts of Tibet are stable. People are living life as normal," Legqog, who like some Tibetans uses only one name, was quoted as saying by the official Xinhua News Agency at China's annual legislative session.



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## Pope Benedict to visit Holy Land in May

By ARIEL DAVID

**Associated Press Writer** 

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Pope Benedict XVI said Sunday he would visit the Holy Land from May 8-15 in the first papal trip to the area since 2000.

The visit would be the second official trip by a pope to Israel. Announcing the dates of the long-planned pilgrimage, the pope said he would go to sites Jesus visited and would pray for "the precious gift of unity and peace for the Middle East and all of humanity."

Benedict told a crowd gathered in St. Peter's Square for the traditional noontime blessing that he was asking the faithful for their spiritual support for the Holy Land pilgrimage and a trip to Africa from March 17-23. Benedict said the African trip would show "the concrete closeness of myself and of the Church to the Christians and the people of that continent, which is particularly dear to me."

The pope will stop in Cameroon and Angola, meeting with bishops, local Muslim representatives and women's rights advocates.

pope's Mideast tour will touch Jordan, Israel and Palestinian territories, with stops in cities including Amman, Jerusalem, Bethlehem and Nazareth, the Vatican said. Though a detailed program has not yet been announced, officials in destination countries have said they expect Benedict to visit an Amman mosque, hold public Mass in Jordan and Nazareth and make a stop at the Yad Vashem Holocaust memorial in Jerusalem.

There has been only one other official visit by a pope to the Jewish state, Pope John Paul II's pilgrimage in 2000. Pope Paul VI made an unofficial trip there in 1964.

Israeli President Shimon Peres, who invited Benedict to visit, called the trip "an important and thrilling event of the first order, that emanates a wind of peace and hope."

Benedict's pilgrimage comes at a time of strained relations between Israel and the Holy

Israel was offended when senior Vatican Cardinal Renato Martino said during Israel's recent military campaign to stop rocket fire from the Gaza Strip that Gaza resembled a "big concentration camp."

Ties were further rattled when the German-born pope reinstated an excommunicated bishop who has questioned the extent of the Holocaust. Benedict later condemned the bishop's remarks and spoke out against anti-Semitism.

The two sides are also at odds over the legacy of the wartime pontiff Pius XII, who some historians say did not do everything in his power to prevent the Holocaust.

That dispute centers on a caption of a photo of Pius at Yad Vashem's museum that says he did not protest the Nazi genocide of Jews and maintained a largely "neutral position."

The Vatican, which is pushing Pius' sainthood cause, wants the caption changed and maintains the wartime pontiff made every effort to help Jews and other victims through quiet diplomacy.

Israeli and Vatican historians met Sunday at Yad Vashem for a two-day workshop to discuss research into Pius, signaling a growing willingness to resolve the sensitive issue.

Israel and Jewish groups have encouraged the Vatican to open its wartime archives to allow researchers to look for concrete examples of Pius' actions.

Yad Vashem director Avner Shalev said he was pleased to learn that Benedict instructed the archive to speed up the process of cataloging the material and hoped it could



Pope Benedict XVI greets the faithful during the Angelus noon prayer in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican, Sunday March 8, 2009. The Pontiff says he will visit the Holy Land on May 8-15 in the first papal trip to the area since 2000. Benedict announced the dates of the long-planned pilgrimage following his traditional noontime blessing on Sunday.

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now be completed in three to four years. The Vatican, which has said the work could take up to six years, had no comment on Sunday.

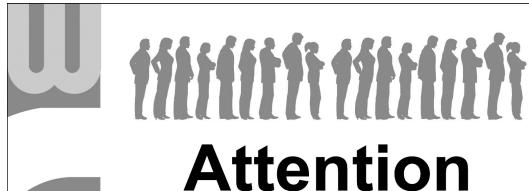
Vatican-Muslim ties were also tested by a 2006 speech in which Benedict linked Islam to violence. Amid angry reactions

expressed regret for any offense caused by his remarks.

Jordan will be the first stop on Benedict's Mideast tour. Bishop Francis Solikat, the papal nuncio in Amman, said the pope's visit to the Hussein bin Talal mosque, the largest

from the Muslim world, he in the country, will be "another gesture on the part of the Holy Father to promote interreligious dialogue, especially in Jordan."

> The pope will also stop at the site on the Jordan River where, according to tradition, Jesus was baptized, Solikat said.



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#### Sudan's president warns foreigners in Darfur



Sudanese President Omar al-Bashir, right, on top of a vehicle gestures to crowds that gathered to greet him upon his arrival at the North Darfur state capital of el Fasher, Sudan Sunday, March 8, 2009. Sudan's president threatened to kick out more aid groups and expel diplomats and peacekeepers on Sunday during his first trip to the beleaguered Darfur region after an international court issued an arrest warrant against him.

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#### By SARAH EL DEEB Associated Press Writer

EL FASHER, Sudan (AP) — Sudan's president threatened to kick out more aid groups and expel diplomats and peacekeepers on Sunday during his first trip to Darfur after an international court issued an arrest warrant against him for war crimes there.

Sudan has already expelled 13 of the largest aid groups operating in Darfur as part of its defiant response to the International Criminal Court's decision last week to indict him. Sudan has accused them of cooperating with the Netherlands-based ICC.

The statements came as the Sudanese army announced it was moving toward putting its army on full alert by mobilizing three-quarters of its troops, according to the Sudan Media Center, a news agency with close links to the government.

The army renewed its allegiance to President Omar al-Bashir and said it was ready to confront any possible threat, said the report, quoting

a statement from the army's chief of staff, Gen. Mohammed Nasreddin.

Al-Bashir greeted was by thousands of cheering supporters, including some on horse and camel back, in the North Darfur capital of El Fasher. Brandishing a sword, he told the throngs that others could be ordered to leave if they got involved with the ICC case. The rally was attended by a number of Arab diplomats, including Egyptian, Jordanian Lebanese. Western envoys did not accompany the president on the trip.

"Those who respect themselves, we will respect them. Don't interfere in something that doesn't concern you," al-Bashir said. "Don't do anything that would harm the country's security and stability."

"Whoever deviates, we will not let them stay, whether a voluntary organization, an envoy, a diplomatic mission or a security force," he added.

A Chinese company signed a contract to build a road in the area during the ceremony, reflecting Sudan's continuing close ties with China despite the crisis.

The Netherlands-based ICC

accuses al-Bashir of leading a counterinsurgency against Darfur rebels that involved rapes, killings and other atrocities against civilians. Up to 300,000 people have died and 2.7 million driven from their homes in the conflict since 2003, according to the U.N.

The rally in El Fasher took place far away from the teeming refugee camps where tens of thousands of refugees live after fleeing their homes because of attacks by the government-backed Arab militias.

Al-Bashir rejects the charges and refuses to deal with the ICC. Arab and African nations are pressing the U.N. Security Council to defer any prosecution for at least a year, hoping to defuse the crisis.

The crowd waved aloft pictures of al-Bashir as well as posters ICC prosecutor Luis Moreno Ocampo with an X drawn over his face.

"Tell them all, the ICC prosecutor, the members of the court and every one who supports this court that they are under my shoe," he said. In the Muslim world, stepping on somebody or striking them with shoes is considered an

insult

Hundreds lined the streets of El Fasher as al-Bashir paraded through the town waving from the back of an open pickup truck. The governor of northern Darfur, Mohammed Kebir, told the crowd at the ceremony that this showed that the president was not afraid to visit a region where he is supposedly had committed war crimes.

Al-Bashir accused aid groups of stealing funds allocated to Darfur, saying only a fraction of the donated money actually makes it to the people.

"We tell them this is not going to continue," he said to the cheering crowd. "We are ready to fill the gap ... we will spend it from our pocket."

The United Nations and humanitarian workers say the order punches a giant hole in the safety net that has kept many Darfur civilians alive during six years of war in the vast, arid region of western Sudan. Without the groups, 1.1 million people will be without food, 1.5 million without health care, and more than one million without drinking water — and outbreaks of infectious disease are a greater danger, the U.N. says.

#### Tsvangirai's absence may leave void in Zimbabwe

By ANGUS SHAW Associated Press Writer

HARARE, Zimbabwe (AP)— Zimbabwe's prime minister, injured in a car crash that killed his wife, has left for medical treatment in Botswana, leaving no word when he will return to his troubled homeland to try to make a power-sharing deal with his longtime rival work. The effect Prime Minister's Morgan Tsvangirai's absence will have on Zimbabwe's fraught political system when much of the population is suffering from hunger and disease is a matter of speculation. He spent months in Botswana last year, fearing for his life at the height of a standoff with President

Robert Mugabe — the man

with whom he formed a joint

government last month.

Tsvangirai arrived in Botswana on Saturday, a day after the crash, according to a spokesman for Botswana's foreign ministry. State media in Zimbabwe had said only that Tsvangirai had left for treatment, and his party had refused publicly to specify where he had gone.

Botswana President Seretse Ian Khama has been one of the few African leaders to openly criticize Mugabe, who has ruled Zimbabwe since independence from Britain in 1980 and is accused of destroying its economy and trampling on democratic and human rights.

Tsvangirai's coalition government with Mugabe has been rocky from the start.

Mugabe has treated Tsvangirai as a junior partner, declaring at Feb. 28 celebrations for his 85th birthday: "I am still in control and hold executive authority, so nothing much has changed."

And Mugabe may use Tsvangirai's absence to further tighten his grip. Tsvangirai, though, is likely to benefit from sympathy at home and abroad

Tsvangirai has two deputy prime ministers who, like him, are opposition leaders — Thokozani Khupe and Arthur Mutambara. In addition, Tsvangirai's No. 2 in his Movement for Democratic Changeparty, Tendai Biti, holds the key government post of finance minister. Biti, a sharptongued lawyer, has meetings



Zimbabwe's Prime Minister, Morgan Tsvangirai, leaves hospital in Harare, Saturday, March, 7, 2009. Tsvangirai was involved in a vehicle accident Friday in which his wife Susan died.

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in the coming week with an International Monetary Fund team to review Zimbabwe's financial prospects and discuss addressing its economic and humanitarian crises.

Key potential foreign donors such as the United States and Britain have been waiting to see how much power Tsvangirai will wield in the unity government before stepping in with major

development help. Now, their wait is likely to be longer.

Tsvangirai was criticized for spending long periods out of the country last year, even when it became clear it was out of fear for his safety. This time, his decision to seek medical care in a country where he feels comfortable will be seen in the context of Zimbabwe's catastrophic hospital system.

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#### ldiers, fearing attack, block road in Madagascar

(AP) — Soldiers erected a road block in Madagascar's capital Sunday after hearing rumors the presidential guard planned to attack an army camp, a troubling sign that the country's political tensions were affecting the military.

The director of presidential security, Gen. Alain Randriamamory, issued a radio statement denying the rumors and saying they "are meant only to sow division at the heart of the armed forces."

The commander of the national police, which is independent of the army, issued a statement calling on his forces "not to get mixed up in politics." Gen. Pily Gilbin also urged politicians to find a solution to the political crisis.

About 20 soldiers, joined by several civilians, set up the road block Sunday afternoon. The soldiers would say little beyond that they were protecting the camp and its store of weapons, and some expressed opposition to the government. They remained at the blockade late into the evening.

Deadly violence has erupted several times in recent weeks on this impoverished Indian Ocean island because of a power struggle in which the capital's former mayor has sought to oust the president.

Saturday, police fired tear gas to disperse anti-government protesters, and the ex-mayor, Andry Rajoelina, said he had gone into hiding.

Officials won't confirm they want to arrest Rajoelina.

Last week, Rajoelina pulled out of talks with the government after two days of clashes left four dead.

Rajoelina accuses President Marc Ravalomanana of misspending funds, undermining democracy and being responsible for the deaths of at least 25 protesters killed by police in February. In late January, opposition protests sparked deadly riots.

Within days of the February killings, Madagascar's defense minister



Security forces and protesters are seen in the Madagascan capital Antananarivo Saturday Feb. 7, 2009. At least 25 people were killed and 167 wounded when security forces fired on anti-government protesters outside a presidential palace in Madagascar's capital, the national police said Sunday. The country's president and his rival each held the other responsible for the new escalation of political violence on this Indian Ocean Island.

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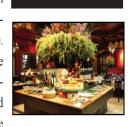
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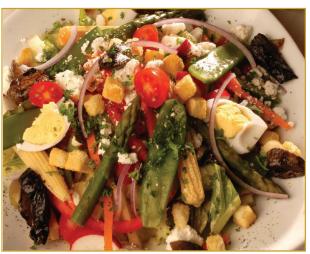
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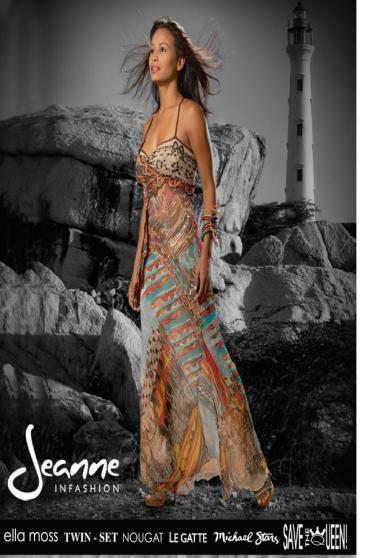
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#### tchmen' conquers box office with \$55.7 m

By DERRIK J. LANG, **AP Entertainment Writer** 

LOS ANGELES - "Watchmen" clocked in with \$55.7 million in ticket sales to claim the top spot at the box office, making director Zack Snyder's comic book adaptation about a team of twisted superheros the biggest opening of 2009 so far.

Still, it was not quite as big as the \$70 million take of Snyder's "300" in 2007.

Dan Fellman, head distribution for "Watchmen" studio Warner Bros., said it was unfair to compare the two films.

"They're two different movies," Fellman said Sunday. "This is a movie that runs two hours and 45 minutes. That really only leaves the exhibitor with one showing a night. If you have an 8 o'clock show, the next show is at midnight. So with essentially one show a night, I think this is outstanding.'

of the subversive Fans comic book series by writer Alan Moore and illustrator

Snyder's for big-screen version. The anticipation was complicated last year when Warner Bros. and 20th Century Fox fought over who owned rights to the \$125 million film. The studios eventually settled in January, keeping the March 6 opening intact.

Many "Watchmen" enthusiasts raced to IMAX theaters to see the exploits of Dr. Manhattan and company on the bigger

Greg Foster, chairman and president of IMAX Filmed Entertainment, said the movie sold out on all 124 IMAX screens it was playing on during the weekend and was the second largest opening in company history behind another superhero film, 2008's "The Dark Knight."

With no other new releases to compete against, "Watchmen" easily bumped off "Tyler Perry's Madea Goes to Jail," which had held the top spot the two previous weekends. The

Dave Gibbons waited years Lionsgate comedy took in \$8.8 million, good for second place, according to studio estimates Sunday. 20th Century Fox's "Taken," starring Liam Neeson, took the No. 3 position with \$7.5 million.

> For the year, movie attendance continues to soar, with revenue at \$1.9 billion, up 16 percent through the same point in 2008. Even factoring in 2009's higher ticket prices, movie attendance is running 14 percent higher than last year.

> Disney's "Jonas Brothers: The 3D Concert Experience" dropped from No. 2 to No. 9 at the box office.

> "There have been some casualties this year," said Paul Dergarabedian, president of box office tracker Media By Numbers. "Not every film can be a hit — even during this box-office bonanza we're having right now. It dropped about 78 percent the second weekend. It's a young audience. The ones that wanted to see the Jonas Brothers came out last



'Watchmen' cast member Jackie Earle Haley poses upon arriving at the post-premiere party for the film in Los Angeles, Monday, March 2, 2009.

(AP Photo/Chris Pizzello)

weekend."

Estimated ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at U.S. and Canadian theaters, according to Media By Numbers LLC. Final figures will be released Monday.

- 1. "Watchmen," \$55.7 million.
- 2. "Tyler Perry's Madea Goes to Jail," \$8.8 million
- 3. "Taken," \$7.5 million.
- 4. "Slumdog Millionaire," \$6.9

million.

- 5. "Paul Blart: Mall Cop," \$4.1 million.
- 6. "He's Just Not That Into You," \$4 million.
- 7. "Coraline," \$3.3 million.
- "Confessions of Shopaholic," \$3.1 million.
- 9. "Jonas Brothers: The 3D Concert Experience," \$2.8 million.
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A Chinese attendant fills up a car at a gasoline station in Xian, north China's Shanxi province. Oil prices rose sharply Wednesday on signs that demand could strengthen in the United States and China, the world's leading energy consumers.

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#### **Gas prices up 1.8** cents a gallon

CAMARILLO, Calif. - The average price of gasoline continues to creep upward and is about 1.8 cents a gallon higher now than it was two weeks ago, according to the national Lundberg Survey of fuel prices.

The U.S. average price for regular gasoline, according to the survey released Sunday, is \$1.96 a gallon.

Industry analyst Trilby Lundberg says that's still much lower than the \$3.20 a gallon that was being paid this time last year. It's also well below the record high of \$4.11 last July.

The city with the highest average price of gas was Honolulu at \$2.38 a gallon. The lowest price was \$1.67 in Cheyenne, Wyo 🗆

#### **World Bank says global** economy will shrink in 2009

NEW YORK – The World Bank predicts the global economy will shrink this year for the first time since World War II, and sees trade at its lowest point in 80 years.

The World Bank also said Sunday the growing global financial crisis will create a multibillion-dollar financing shortfall for poor and developing nations.

A group of 129 countries face a shortfall of \$270 to \$700 billion this year, the World Bank says. It warns international financial institutions will not be able to cover even the low end of that estimate

The bank said only one-quarter of the vulnerable countries will be able to ease the impact of the economic downturn through job creation or "safety net" programs.

#### **After 60 years Circuit City powers down**

**By MICHAEL** FELBERBAUM,

**AP Business Writer** 

RICHMOND, Va. - What began 60 years ago as a humble television store in this sleepy Southern capital ended Sunday as Circuit City closed its doors for good — its 567 remaining U.S. stores to be left broom clean and vacant.

For the last month and a half, a group of four liquidators have conducted going-out-ofbusiness sales for what was nation's second-largest consumer electronics retailer, selling its remaining \$1.7 billion worth of inventory weeks sooner than expected.

In its wake Richmond-based Circuit City Stores Inc. will leave more than 18 million square feet of vacant space in a faltering real estate market. And more than 34,000 employees, some who worked through the liquidation announced in January, will be jobless. Shareholders will likely get nothing and creditors may receive far less than what they are owed.

Circuit City filed for Chapter bankruptcy protection November with hopes of emerging as a stronger company able to compete in the ever-expanding marketplace; shedding its \$2.32 billion in debt and getting out of older real estate.

Unable to work out a sale or secure new financing, the company will instead spend its remaining days tallying money from the sale of its assets, breaking or assigning its leases and paying off its growing list of creditors

Circuit City owes nearly \$625 million to its 30 largest unsecured creditors — mostly vendors who supplied the DVDs, flat-screen TVs and headphones on Circuit City shelves. They must wait to be paid until secured creditors such as bank lenders are satisfied.

A small staff will remain at the corporate office during the wind-down process, but Circuit City's bookkeeping may ultimately be reduced to a laptop computer running small business accounting software. Over the last few years, Circuit

City, which at its height had more than 700 stores, faced heightened competition, pressure from vendors and waning consumer spending. Ultimately, the hobbled credit market and consumer worries proved insurmountable. The dismal environment also has claimed retailers including KB Toys and Mervyns.

Circuit City, which posted losses in seven of its final eight quarters, had its brand value diminished in the 1990s as it lost significant traffic to rivals like Best Buy Co., which built bigger stores in better locations and achieved greater economies of scale. Wal-Mart Stores Inc. and others who have expanded their electronics offerings also wooed Circuit City customers. Around the country, stores once full of televisions, stereos, computers and other consumer electronics had little merchandise left on the last day of business, with many locations selling store fixtures like shelves and other odds and

Inside a store in Little Rock Ark., a few tables sat in the middle of an empty showroom, with discarded wireless phones and other electronic wiring. A box nearby contained alarms, that once guarded the store's digital cameras and camcorders, being sold for 25 cents each.

Families with toolboxes disassembled the store's racks and stands. Terry Garner, 60, of Little Rock, struggled to shove a rack into the back of his van. "That's all they had left," said Garner who had previously bought a keyboard and other items from the chain. Checking out the liquidation sale was a smart move for "yard-sale shoppers" like he and his wife. "We're going in there for bargains," he said.

At a Circuit City store on Manhattan's Upper West Side, store employees spent time saying their last goodbyes. The store had already been fleeced of all its inventory, and a makeshift sign outside the store offered only fixtures. Shopping carts, store displays and even check-out stands were for sale, although few customers streamed into the two-story



Customers enter Circuit City, Saturday, March 7, 2009 at a store outside Boston. All Circuit City stores in the U.S. are expected to be closed by the time this weekend is over. The consumer electronics chain filed for bankruptcy in November after posting losses in seven of its final eight quarters.

(AP Photo/Lisa Poole)

space.

employees huddled Store together, sitting on a checkout counter, laughing and reminiscing. A store manager declined to comment about the retailer's last day in business.

All but two small aisles and some scattered plastic bins overflowing with tangled cables had been cleared out of a store in San Antonio. The other aisles were blocked with yellow caution tape, while signs warned "All Sales Are Final."

The parking lot was busy, but many customers came out of the store empty-handed.

"Everything is picked over. They're going over wires and TV stands, the little stuff," said Roman Garcia, 30, carrying a bag crammed with videogames. He bought nine copies of an online multiplayer game called "Team Fortress." He picked up the copies for \$1 apiece and planned to send them to other members of his online gaming group.

Alan L. Wurtzel, son of company founder Samuel S. Wurtzel and himself a former chief executive of Circuit City, has previously said the company didn't take the threat from Best Buy seriously enough and at some points was too focused on short-term profit rather than long-term value.

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#### THE FULL MONTY

#### By David M. Shribman

In just a few weeks, Barack Obama has gone from "The Audacity of Hope" to the hope of audacity.

Like most presidential candidates, Obama on the campaign trail threw out a lot of policy proposals -- on the environment, education, taxes, foreign policy and health care. But what Obama principally peddled was hope. He knew it, his listeners knew it, the commentators knew it. Hope was the prescription for a period when spirits were low -- though, it is important to remember, the Dow Jones industrial average during most of the campaign was not low. Not low at all.

Now that the Dow has given up half its value, the government has thrown trillions of dollars into banks and investment houses, and unemployment is doing a high step toward alarming levels, Obama is calculating that hope is not enough. He's using as his playbook the promises of the Obama campaign.

Already the Obama opposition is developing, engaging one terrifying word (socialism) and two scary ones (too much). The question of this troubled hour is whether the president is trying to do too much, spend too much, risk too much.

Many years ago former New York Gov. Mario Cuomo used to say that a governor could do anything he wanted, but he couldn't do everything he wanted.

Obama, who was 21 years old when Cuomo was first elected as governor, may not have heard that message.

So he's going for the full monty. (Check out the movie of that title and you will see, appropriately, that it was a story about a bunch of unemployed guys.) He wants to provide universal health care (and believes it's possible). He wants to attack global warming (and believes it's warranted). He wants to change the way education is underwritten (and believes it's essential).

In the old days the budget curmudgeons worried about billions. That is so 2008.

Some perspective: Reagan won the White House in part by deploring Jimmy Carter's budget deficit, which was \$73 billion. All of Washington was aghast -- in shock! -- at that figure. Obama is contemplating a budget deficit of \$1.75 trillion -- 24 times bigger than Carter's. That is enough to make former Sen. Everett Dirksen gag, even though he's dead. (Dirksen remarked that "a billion here and a billion there and pretty soon we're talking about real money." Now, a billion has become a mere rounding error.) It's not hard to see why Obama is doing this. The financial crisis has one terrific asset. It diminishes the barriers against doing the really difficult things the government hasn't been able to afford for years.

Obama's predecessor threw around billions, maybe trillions (we may never know how much), to save AIG and some of the biggest financial firms in the country. When the government in the flick of an eye can obligate more than \$700 billion for mortgage-backed it sure takes the sting out of a health-care plan that averages out to \$63 billion annually over 10 vears.

Here's a measure of that: The first time I typed that sentence, my fingers inserted the word "only" before \$63 billion. Then my brain kicked in and I deleted the word. There was a time conservatives argued deficits didn't matter. That was when deficits were (relatively) diminutive, and when the economy was growing. The notion was that tax cuts would fuel more growth, which would increase tax revenue, and even if deficits increased for a while everything would come out OK in the end.

There is negative or little growth now, and the great incalculable money sloshing around in the economy will spur growth or and the mother of all crises for like 2010.

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Even the people who are supposed to know these things don't pretend to, which is another reminder, as if we needed one these days, why economics is oftentimes Aruba

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called the dismal science.

But the president, who counts audacity as a measure of character, is using the crisis to do what would be more difficult to do if the economy were more nearly normal. If things were good, he'd have a harder time committing tens of billions to green the economy, expand health care or overhaul education.

And so, the crisis is setting Obama free.

But the things he wants are not free, even if Jack F. Kemp, Newt Gingrich and other movement conservatives used to argue that deficits didn't matter. Maybe deficits don't matter in some eras and they matter in others. Maybe small deficits don't matter and big ones do. Maybe big deficits are not bad in especially bad

All this should prompt a debate on what we might call the Browning Principle, named for Robert Browning, who wrote that "a man's reach should exceed his grasp." Obama is following that principle. His critics are saying that he is overreaching.

These things, admittedly, are hard to calibrate. Was FDR, for example, merely trying to exceed his grasp when he proposed Social Security legislation in 1935 but overreaching two years later when he put forward his plan to pack the Supreme Court? These questions defy scientific or precise answers. Whether Obama can successfully resolve the tension between the two -- between reaching and overreaching -- is one of the fundamental challenges of his presidency.

#### OCTOMOM'S POOR DECISION-MAKING SPREADS TO THE STATEHOUSE

#### By Cynthia Tucker

Some controversies are just too compelling for publicityseeking politicians to ignore. That's the only explanation for at least one bill recently introduced in the Georgia Legislature: a hastily-put-together proposal to legally proscribe the number of embryos that a fertility doctor may implant in the womb of an eager mom-to-be.

You know the controversy, right? The so-called OctoMom -- Nadya Suleman, who gave birth to octuplets in Southern California in January -- has generated a cottage industry of instant experts on fertility, motherhood and medical ethics. And Georgia Republican state Sen. Ralph Hudgens couldn't resist adding his thimbleful of expertise.

"I think it's totally immoral," Hudgens told The Atlanta Journal-Constitution. "I think the doctor ought to be prosecuted, and the woman should give (the children) up for adoption."

You'd think Hudgens would have pressing issues closer to home to which he might devote his time. Like dozens of other states, Georgia is struggling with a deep budget deficit, rising unemployment and an imploding construction industry. Entire neighborhoods are in foreclosure; banks are going belly-up; hospitals are hard-pressed.

Aren't those issues complicated enough to occupy a conscientious public official? Does he really need to wade into the complex and emotionally fraught topic of in-vitro fertilization?

It's not that Suleman's excesses have been ignored. Her case is already attracting attention from the proper authorities, who have started a healthy (if belated) debate over wayward fertility clinics and their costs, financial and moral. The California Medical Board has started an investigation of Dr. Michael Kamrava, Suleman's fertility doctor, who apparently ignored all guidelines for best practices.

Last year, the American Society for Reproductive Medicine adopted guidelines advocating the transfer of only one embryo for women under 35 (Suleman is 33) and no more than two for any woman, except in extraordinary circumstances. Those extraordinary circumstances include older women, for whom the guidelines permit more embryos -- but no more than five regardless of age or other factors. The guidelines followed years of pressure from the Atlanta-based Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and medical ethicists, who cited the risks of multiple births

Multiple babies increase all sorts of health risks, especially for the infants -- infant mortality, low birth weights and long-term disabilities. The births bring enormous hospital costs; moreover, many of those children, including some of Suleman's octuplets, are likely to have lifetime health needs that will require expensive medical care.

Moreover, it's clear to any middle-schooler that Suleman is a deeply troubled, emotionally fragile woman who didn't need to have additional children, much less eight more. Her narcissicm is exceeded only by her blithe denial of the harm she has inflicted on helpless little ones. A doctor who would agree to implant multiple embryos in her womb is in the same professional category with the plastic surgeon who continued to perform operations on Michael Jackson. Let's hope those with the authority to oversee Kamrava's practice impose stiff sanctions.

But none of this means that the Georgia Legislature, with its, ah, (START ITAL)limited expertise in such matters, ought to get involved. The American Society for Reproductive Medicine issued a statement denouncing Hudgens' proposal. Happily, even Georgia's oftenshameless legislators could see they were in over their heads and sidelined the bill to a study committee.

But it probably won't stay buried. Hudgens' bill joins a passel of other proposals in the Georgia Legislature that would clumsily regulate assisted fertility in an appeal to ultra-conservative constituents who oppose abortion and stem cell research. Those constituents will likely demand another hearing.

Perhaps the most puzzling thing about Hudgens and his sanctimonious supporters is that they haven't shown much interest in the welfare of children already in this world. They might do a little more to help Georgia's poor and working-class children get better access to health care and affordable housing and college educations if they care so much. Really, lots of folks are already working on the Suleman problem. Hudgens ought to turn his attention closer to home.

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## Yang gets breakthrough at Honda Classic

By TIM REYNOLDS

AP Sports Writer

PALM BEACH GARDENS, Florida (AP) — Y.E. Yang recorded his first PGA Tour win Sunday, closing out a one-shot victory over John Rollins at the Honda Classic.

The South Korean took command with three straight birdies on the front side and wouldn't fold, picking up a two-year exemption and a check for \$1,008,000. With the win, he qualified for next week's CA Championship at Doral, plus earned an invitation to next month's Masters.

Best known for beating Tiger Woods at the HSBC Champions in 2006, Yang pumped his fist in the air when his 50-footer for birdie stopped a foot away from the cup, sealing the victory. He finished at 9-under 271.

Rollins made birdie at the

par-5 18th to get within two shots of Yang, who was one hole behind and in a greenside bunker at the par-3 17th. And when Yang's 10-footer for par tailed right and stopped short, the lead — four shots earlier in the day — was down to one. He cringed when his third shot sailed off target at the finishing hole, but coolly two-putted for the win.

"From 50 feet, it's not easy to do that to win your first golf tournament," Rollins said. "My hat's off to him."

Rollins (67) was alone in second and he, like Yang, qualified for the CA Championship by moving into the top 10 in the FedEx Cup standings. Ben Crane (68) was third after finishing 6 under and Jeff Klauk (71, with 17 pars and one bogey) was alone in fourth, another shot back.

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Y.E. Yang, of South Korea, celebrates after winning the Honda Classic golf tournament in Palm Beach Gardens, Fla. Sunday, March 8, 2009. Yang shot a final round of 2-under 68 to win with a score of score of 9-under par.

Associated Press

#### **Terrell Owens shuffling off to Buffalo**

BUFFALO, New York (AP) — Terrell Owens has found a new NFL team, signing with the Buffalo Bills on Saturday only two days after the high-maintenance receiver was cut by the Dallas Cowboys.

Owens caught 69 passes for 1,052 yards and 10 touchdowns last season, but the Cowboys were looking to improve the atmosphere in the locker room and decided they would be better off without him.

"I'm leaving America's team (for) North America's team," Owens said at a news conference.

The Bills will be Owens' fourth team, after starting with San Francisco, bouncing to Philadelphia — where he helped the Eagles get to a Super Bowl — and then Dallas.

"I must move on, and it's another beginning for me," Owens said. "If I can be that extra added piece to get them to the playoffs, then that's what I'm here for. I looked at the defensive side of ball and offensive side of the ball, and these guys have all the pieces."

The Bills were in need of a receiver to take the pressure from Lee Evans. They got one of the biggest names out there.

The question now is how Owens will deal with quarterback Trent Edwards, who is entering only his second full year as starter. Owens has made life difficult for

Bufallo Bills new football player Terrell Owens smiles during a news conference Saturday, March 7,2009 in Orchard Park, N.Y. Owens signed Saturday with the Bills only two days after the high-maintenance receiver was cut by the Dallas Cowboys.

Associated Press

#### Selig says MLB is cleaned up

In this Jan. 17, 2008 file photo,

baseball commissioner Bud Selig addresses the media

during a news conference in

Scottsdale, Ariz. Selig says

Alex Rodriguez has "shamed

commissioner indicated no

plans to punish the three-time

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game,"

AL MVP.

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quarterbacks in the past and joins an offense that struggled mightily last year.

The Bills were 25th in the NFL in yards gained and failed to have a 300-yard passer. The offense has been a perennial problem. It has ranked 25th or lower in

each of the past six seasons.

Coach Dick Jauron has often complained about the Bills' lack of scoring punch, but signing Owens represents a serious change in philosophy for a team that in the past has tried to avoid taking on disruptive locker room personalities.

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#### A-Rod to have hip surgery, miss 6-9 weeks



Alex Rodriguez works in a batting cage Tuesday, March 3, 2009, in Jupiter, Fla. Rodriguez will play for the the Dominican Republic in a spring training baseball game against the Florida Marlins this afternoon.

 New York Yankees star Alex Rodriguez will have arthroscopic hip surgery Monday and is expected to miss six to nine weeks. The slugger will need further surgery after the season.

The diagnosis by Dr. Marc Philippon on Sunday was yet another jolt to Rodriguez during a tumultuous month in which the three-time AL MVP admitted using steroids from 2001-03 while with Texas.

The decision eliminates the discussed option of Rodriguez treating the injury with rest and rehab and playing through the season without surgery.

Philippon spoke from Vail, Colorado, on a conference call with Yankees general manager Brian Cashman. Philippon, perform the procedure.

Rodriguez has a torn labrum and a cyst in his right hip. The cyst was drained Wednesday, and he had additional tests Friday to test the hip's strength and flexibility. His hip had been fine until he experienced stiffness during spring training this year.

Rodriguez is in the second season of a record \$275 million, 10-year contract. Now, New York must try replace its third baseman and cleanup hitter, placing further responsibility on new first baseman Mark Teixeira.

The leading candidate from the organization to take over at third base would be Cody Ransom, a 33-year-old who has a .251 average and 24 RBIs in 183 at-bats in six major league seasons.

Last year, Rodriguez was

a noted hip specialist, will sidelined from April 28 to May 20 because of a strained right quadriceps — his fifth career trip to the disabled list. An MRI exam at that time showed what Cashman called an "irregularity" in the right

> Rodriguez's 138 games last season were his fewest since 1999, when he tore cartilage in his left knee during a spring training agility drill March 30. He played in the first two games of that season with Seattle, then was put on the disabled list April 7 and missed 32 games until he returned May 14.

> Since joining the Yankees before the 2004 season, Rodriguez has averaged 42 homers and 123 RBIs to go along with a .303 batting average. He's in the second season of a record \$275 million, 10-year contract.

Selig says MLB is cleaned up

PHOENIX (AP) — Major League Baseball commissioner Bud Selig says he's proud of how far the league has come in attempting to eliminate doping.

"It's been an interesting experience for me in the respect that we've cleaned the game up," Selig said on Saturday. "I'm proud of where we are."

If there's work still to be done, Selig said, it's in being able to test for human growth hormone.

"There's not a test, regardless of what people say," Selig said. "If there's a test we'll use it. I can't wait to sit down and tell you that we now have a test for HGH."

Selig wouldn't comment on his office's interview with Alex Rodriguez following the All-Star third baseman's admission that he used steroids from 2001-03 while playing for Texas.

Selig's lone frustration stemming from the Rodriguez situation was in being told that he should have known earlier that steroids were a problem.

"If I sound frustrated it's because you get into revisionism 15-20 years later and it's the wrong set of facts you're revising," Selig said. "My frustration is we started (minor league testing) in 1998. Where were we sleeping?"

On the economic front, Selig said he and his staff receive frequent updates from all 30 teams regarding their financial situation.

"We have some clubs that are doing remarkable business and we have some clubs that are struggling," Selig said. "Are we monitoring things? You bet."

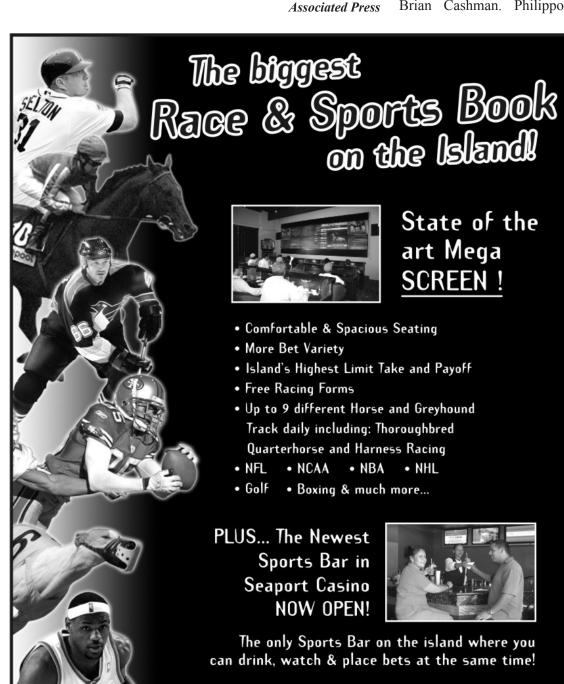


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NBA Roundup

#### Williams' 25 lift Utah past Toronto 109-101

TORONTO (AP) — Deron Williams had 25 points and nine assists to lead the Utah Jazz past the Toronto Raptors 109-101 on Sunday for their 11th straight win.

Mehmet Okur had 19 points and 11 rebounds, Kyle Korver matched a season-high with 20 points. Paul Millsap had 18 points and 11 rebounds, and Andrei Kirilenko scored 18 for the Jazz, who have won eight straight games against Toronto.

Utah matched its longest winning streak since an 11-game run from April 1-18, 1999.

Chris Bosh had 30 points and 10 rebounds for the Raptors, with Andrea Bargnani scoring 20 and Jose Calderon adding 10 points and 11 assists. Anthony Parker scored 16

points, but Toronto still lost its fifth straight.

#### Magic 86, Celtics 79

At Boston, Dwight Howard scored 18 points with 15 rebounds, making a pair of free throws with 13.9 seconds as Orlando downed Boston.

With the win, Orlando moved two games behind Boston and three behind first-place Cleveland in the East.

Rashard Lewis scored 15 and Rafer Alston had 10 points and eight assists for Orlando, which won its fourth straight. Ray Allen had 17 of his 32 points in the fourth quarter, scoring nine straight to make it 82-79 with 1:22 to play. But he hit the back of the rim on a 3-point attempt from the left side that would have tied it with 41 seconds to play.

Spurs 103, Suns 98 At San Antonio, Tony Parker notched his fourth 30-point performance in his last seven games as San Antonio sent Phoenix home winless from its four-game road trip.

Averaging 25.6 points since the All-Star break, Parker sealed San Antonio's third win this season over the slumping Suns with a one-handed runner with 26.2 seconds left.

Tim Duncan had 17 points and 15 rebounds against the Suns. Going in the wrong direction is Phoenix, which fell four games behind Dallas for the final playoff spot in the West. Shaquille O'Neal was held to 14 points after averaging nearly 30 in his previous four games.



Denver Nuggets guard J.R. Smith puts pressure on Utah Jazz guard Deron Williams (8) as he tries to move the ball during the first half of their NBA basketball game Friday, March 6, 2009 in Salt Lake City.

**Associated Press** 

#### HONDA

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"All in all, I have no complaints," Rollins said. "I did all I can do. Shot 3 under on championship Sunday and came up short, but I gave myself a chance."

There were 25 players who started the final round within six shots of Yang's lead, and some made early charges.

Robert Allenby started with two birdies in his first three holes and eventually got to 7 under, but never got going on the back side and finished 4 under, tied for fifth with Will MacKenzie (70), Fredrik Jacobson (70) and Scott Piercy (65).

Just like last year, when he was in contention during the Honda's final round before chipping onto a waterside pile of rocks — and then tossing his ball into the drink — at the 15th, Mark Calcavecchia's chances were all wet again.

This time, the two-time Honda winner's undoing came at the 11th, when he hit into a greenside hazard. He rolled up his right pant leg, hacked the ball out of some muck and salvaged a bogey, but got no closer and shot 73.

Rory McIlroy — bidding to become the youngest winner in PGA Tour history — worked his way up the leaderboard as well, before consecutive bogeys to end his round left him tied for 13th.

"I'm pretty disappointed the way I finished," McIlroy said. "I got myself into a great position this afternoon and just let it slip."

With that, the 19-year-old McIlroy turned his attention quickly to Doral. If he wins there, he'll top Johnny McDermott as the youngest tour winner ever; McDermott set the mark by winning the 1911 U.S. Open.

"If I can just keep playing the way I have been, maybe just try and give myself a few more opportunities and try and limit my bogeys, I'll hopefully have another good one next week," McIlroy said.

Davis Love III also was part of the nine-way tie for 13th, which turned out to be significant. Love should barely be No. 50 in the world rankings on Monday, which would be good enough to get him into Doral. If he stays in the top 50 through Bay Hill, he'd be back at Augusta National as well.

Erik Compton's inspiring week ended with a 72, finishing tied for 44th at 3 over. The two-time heart transplant recipient said he struck the ball well but simply couldn't score, three-putting from 20 feet at the first, missing a tapin at 15, and not making anything longer than 8 feet all day.

He will play next week on a sponsor's exemption in Puerto Rico, take a week off, then finish the month at Bay Hill.

And while walking the 72 holes left him a bit tired — he is nine months removed from getting his third heart — Compton refused to make excuses.

"I'm just stupid to think that I can play well enough to win out here," Compton said. "I should have done better this week. I played better than what I got out of my game. So that's the frustrating part. My health is fine."

Safe to say, Yang was feeling better than Compton.

He took a job on a driving range at age 19 and didn't break 100 the first time he played. Now, the son of vegetable farmers is a PGA Tour winner.

"He's obviously a good player," Rollins said. "He played great this week on a tough golf course. It's not easy out there."



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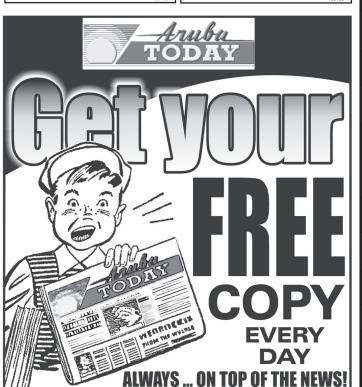
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#### **APNewsBreak: Agassi to** play Champion Series event



In this Sept. 22, 2008, file photo, Andre Agassi arrives for the 23rd Annual Great Sports Legends Dinner in New York. Agassi will make his return to competitive tournament tennis by participating in the **Outback Champions Series** event at Surprise, Ariz., in October 2009.

**Associated Press** 

#### By HOWARD FENDRICH **AP Tennis Writer**

WASHINGTON (AP) Andre Agassi has at least one more tournament in him.

He will make his return to competitive tournament tennis by participating in the 30and-over Outback Champions Series event in October at Surprise, Arizona.

Tourspokesman Randy Walker told The Associated Press on Sunday about Agassi's plans. The tour will make an announcement Monday.

Agassi, who turns 39 next month, retired after playing in the 2006 U.S. Open. He walked away from the game

with eight major singles championships and remains one of only five men to complete a career Grand Slam.

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He's the first announced member of what will be an eight-player field competing for \$150,000 in prize money at the Oct. 8-11 tournament at the Surprise Tennis and Racquet Complex.

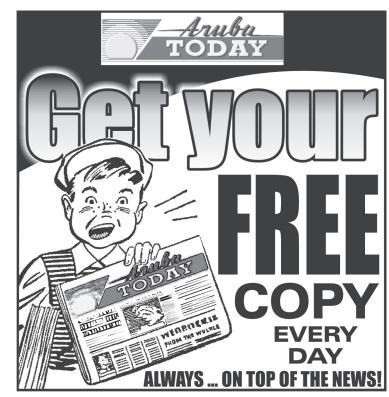
To be eligible for the Outback Champions Series, players must have reached at least one final at a Grand Slam tournament, been ranked in the top five or played singles on a Davis Cup title-winning team. Agassi meets all three criteria, including having logged 101 weeks with the ATP's No. 1 ranking, and having helped the United States claim three Davis Cup championships.

Among others who have played on the senior tour this year are Pete Sampras and John McEnroe.

Agassi's participation marks another in a series of returns to the court for him.

World Team Tennis announced last month he will play in two matches for the Philadelphia Freedoms in July.

And Agassi also plans to join his wife, Steffi Graf, along with former touring pros Tim Henman and Kim Clijsters for exhibition matches at the All England Club to test the new retractable roof over Centre Court on May 17, five weeks before Wimbledon starts.





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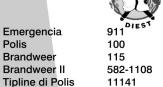


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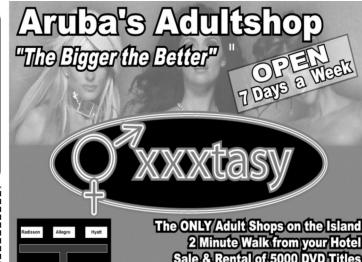


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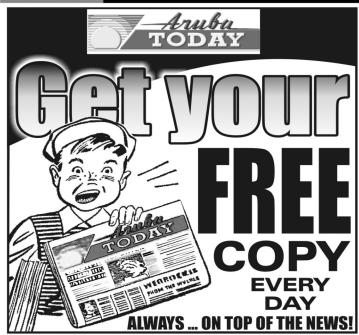
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En Brasil

## Presidente Lula pedirá a Obama "mirada desarrollista" sobre América Latina

BRASILIA (Reuters) - El presidente de Brasil, Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva, dijo el viernes que pedirá a su colega estadounidense, Barack Obama, que tenga "una mirada desarrollista" para América Latina en la reunión que los mandatarios sostendrán la próxima semana en Washington.

Lula y Obama se reunirán el 14 de marzo en la capital estadounidense, en un encuentro en el que el presidente brasileño aprovechará para defender el establecimiento de una alianza entre la mayor economía del mundo y los países latinoamericanos, para fortalecer la región.

El presidente de Venezuela, Hugo Chávez, afirmó el miércoles que autorizó a Lula a hablar sobre su país con Obama, por lo que se espera que la situación política venezolana forme parte de la agenda de la reunión en Washington. Chávez es una de las principales voces antiestadounidenses en América Latina.

"Lo que yo quiero, y voy a estar con el presidente Obama el sábado a la tarde, el próximo sábado, es que Estados Unidos tenga una mirada diferenciada para América Latina, para América del Sur", dijo Lula a periodistas, sin dar más detalles.

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democrático, un continente pacífico y, por lo tanto, Estados Unidos tiene que mirar para acá con una mirada productiva, con una mirada desarrollista, y no sólo pensando en el narcotráfico o en el delito organizado", agregó.

Obama, poco después de asumir la presidencia de Estados Unidos en enero, habló por teléfono con Lula unos 25 minutos en una conversación en la que le manifestó su deseo de trabajar con Brasil en biocombustibles y avanzar en las negociaciones de comercio global para impulsar el crecimiento económico.

Foto de archivo del presidente de Brasil, Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva. REUTERS/Roberto Jayme (BRASIL)



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